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Soviet Officials Claim 'Substantial Détente' With China

By Leslie H. Gelb
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MOSCOW — Soviet officials say that Moscow has reached a "substantial détente" with Beijing because of the widening split between China and the United States.

"With the latest round of talks on normalizing Soviet-Chinese relations just completed here, Soviet officials, who declined to be identified, presented the first authoritative account of how they want the world to perceive future Chinese-Soviet relations."

The officials characterized the evolving ties as "irreversible," "significant," and "indisputable." At the same time they — like foreign diplomats here — acknowledged real limits and a long and hard road ahead in the negotiations.

The key Soviet officials also contended that "the silly policy of the Reagan administration toward Taiwan," namely its sporadic moves to upgrade unofficial relations with Taiwan, "taught China a lesson." Therefore, he maintained

that the Chinese had agreed with this approach.

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Israel Says U.S. Violates Pact on Beirut Patrols

By David K. Shipler
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Israel accused the United States on Friday of failing to honor the agreement on de-

creasing military patrol zones in the Beirut area.

An Israeli statement charged that all the incidents between U.S. Marines and Israeli soldiers had occurred outside Marine areas, in zones designated as Israeli-controlled.

Furthermore, the statement contended, there had been no confrontations between Israeli troops and the Italian or French contingents of the multinational force, because those countries permitted officers to meet with their Israeli counterparts and resolve potential problems.

"The American officers, however, are kept from meeting with IDF officers in their vicinity because of political reasons," the statement said. IDF stands for Israel Defense Forces. "There are no direct contacts or talks between IDF soldiers and the Marine force."

The statement was issued as a detailed rebuttal of charges made by the U.S. Marine Corps commander, General Robert Barrow, that Israeli troops had placed American officers "in life-threatening situations, replete with verbal degradation of the officers, their uniforms and their country."

Reuters quoted the Marine spokesman in Beirut as saying that the Marine commander there, Colonel James Mead, knew of no threats to the lives of his troops but that marines were heckled last week by Israeli soldiers who set up checkpoints on Marine-patrolled territory.

The Israeli statement denied all these allegations, saying, "no incident whatsoever is known in which IDF soldiers threatened an American officer," and "in no event were statements made which contain any insult to the marines, their officers or their uniforms."

General Barrow made his charges in a letter to Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger. The general contended that the incidents were "timed, orchestrated and executed for obvious [sic] Israeli political purposes." He wrote: "It is time for firm and strong action to demonstrate to the Israelis that a role as a peacekeeper does not presume weakness."

The Israeli reply came in a written statement distributed by the Government Press Office, which is an arm of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office. Entitled "Official Military Sources' Response to Barrow's Allegations," it was understood to have been prepared by

the army and the Defense Ministry.

It said that "official military sources expressed surprise" that Israel should be the target of criticism just after marines have been wounded by "terrorists" near Beirut. It called General Barrow's claim that Israel initiated and timed incidents "strange."

"All of the incidents which have occurred since the beginning of the year have been examined and clarified, between the two sides, on both the military and diplomatic levels," the statement said. "It has been proved that some of the incidents were caused by the American force's lack of knowledge about the agreements, and the rest of the incidents were due to the presence of American soldiers in the area under IDF control. The timing of the incidents was due to the dates on which the marines conducted patrols on the side under IDF control."

The statement asserted that Israel was observing the patrol limits as agreed upon among the Israeli Army, the Lebanese Army and the U.S. Marines. "On the contrary," the statement declared, "the side which does not honor the agreement and pretends that the agreement is not known to it is the Americans. It should be noted that all of the incidents were in the locations under IDF control and outside the area under Marine control."

Lines between zones were marked clearly after a Marine captain confronted some Israeli tanks last month, climbed up on one and told the Israelis they would advance only over his dead body. Israel insisted that the tanks were in an area designated as Israeli-controlled. Officials here said that American officials later admitted that that was correct.

The confrontation between the tanks and the Marine captain, the statement said, did not threaten the life of the American.

Instructions From Arens
Defense Minister Moshe Arens of Israel has assured Defense Secretary Weinberger that he has given the "strictest instructions" to Israeli forces to avoid further confrontations with U.S. military personnel in Lebanon, a high-ranking U.S. Defense Department official said Friday. The Associated Press reported.

The Israeli Embassy, meanwhile, issued a public appeal to the U.S. government to improve liaison in Lebanon by including Israeli with Marine peacekeeping forces. Initial U.S. reaction to the suggestion was that it would compromise the Marines' neutrality.

U.S. Plans Record Sale Of Arms to Taiwanese

By Michael Parks
Los Angeles Times Service

BEIJING — The Reagan administration is planning to sell a record \$800 million in arms to Taiwan this year and nearly the same amount in 1984 despite a commitment to China to reduce such sales.

Beijing is certain to react with anger, and the sales could plunge U.S.-Chinese relations into a new crisis.

Although the Chinese Foreign Ministry has not yet commented formally on the projected sales, senior Chinese officials said that Beijing views the development with "utmost seriousness" and warned that such large sales could constitute "a very grave step backward" in relations.

The new sales will probably lead China to press the Reagan administration in renewed negotiations to define more precisely the limits that the United States will observe on both the quantity and quality of weapons it provides the Chinese.

Nationalists on Taiwan, according to diplomatic observers here.

The Reagan administration's plans were disclosed without elaboration earlier this month in a report to Congress on proposed U.S. military sales worldwide for the 1983 and 1984 fiscal years. The report says that the sales to Taiwan would probably not exceed the projected \$800 million for 1983 and \$780 million for 1984 and might be less, depending on actual agreements and deliveries.

The unpublicized release of the projections was apparently intended to avoid controversy over the sales, which U.S. officials characterize as routine.

China was advised of Washington's intentions, however, and has already questioned whether these sales would not violate an arms sales agreement reached last August. Under that accord, the quantity and quality of U.S. weapons sold to Taiwan would be reduced to no more than the levels of 1979, when Beijing and Washington established full diplomatic relations.

The Reagan administration contends that this year's sales, though a record amount, would actually be under the agreed limit if the ceiling amount, \$598 million in 1979, were adjusted for inflation; when calculated in 1983 dollars, the limit would be \$850 million, Washington assets.

This argument is undercut, however, by the one-third increase in sales this year compared to 1982 sales of \$600.7 million, informed Chinese officials replied.

China's expectation, they added, was that there would be a significant reduction year to year in the volume of arms sold. Such a large increase from 1982 to 1983, with a sustained high level of sales in 1984, appears to China to violate the understandings reached in the protracted negotiations on the issue last year, they said, adding that the matter was still under study here.

The Reagan administration is prepared to argue, according to U.S. sources, that both years' sales are "fully consistent" with the agreement and that China should judge the United States by the trend of sales over time and expect occasional fluctuations.

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MIDEAST TALKS — King Hussein of Jordan reviews an honor guard in London, where delegates of the Arab League met Friday with British officials. Page 2.

2 Grenades Thrown at Beirut Force

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIRUT — Two hand grenades were hurled at French troops in Beirut early Friday, the fourth straight day of attacks on the multinational peacekeeping force. No one was reported injured.

The Lebanese Army commander, Major General Ibrahim Tannous, accused unnamed "non-Lebanese parties" of "masterminding and staging" the attacks in a campaign to drive the international peacekeeping force out of Lebanon.

The state-run radio and television stations here said General Tannous had made the charge during a meeting at the presidential palace with the ambassadors of Britain, France, Italy and the United States — the countries contributing in the force.

All the attacks occurred in Shiite-populated neighborhoods that were once Palestine Liberation Organization strongholds and also housed groups loyal to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader.

Shiite religious and political leaders, however, have charged that the Israeli secret service engineered the attacks to show that the Lebanese Army and the international force were incapable of maintaining security in Lebanon.

Rightist Christian militia leaders, who sympathize with the Israeli occupation, rejected these charges and blamed the attacks on Lebanese Communists in cooperation with underground "terrorist" cells left behind by the P.L.O. The Communists have denied the accusation.

In the incident Friday morning, the grenades were thrown at a French position in the southern Beirut suburb of Shiyah. A French military spokesman said one grenade had exploded next to the post while the second exploded some distance away. A French sentry opened fire on the lone assailant, who fled on foot, the spokesman said.

Nine Italian soldiers and five U.S. marines were wounded in grenade and gunfire attacks Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

General Tannous charged that those behind the attacks were trying to prove Lebanese peace was too fragile for the country's army to handle, Beirut radio reported. He said that those "behind the attacks were hoping to discredit the presence of the multinational force in Lebanon and show that the Lebanese Army cannot assume its responsibilities."

Western diplomats close to the multinational force say the attacks are coordinated but the identity and motives of the assailants remain unclear. "We still do not know in whose interest it is to undermine the multinational force," a French diplomat said.

Umberto II, Ex-King Of Italy, Dies in Exile

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Umberto II, the last king of Italy, died here Friday of bone cancer at the age of 78, unable to fulfill his dying wish to revisit his homeland after more than 36 years of exile.

Franco Mattarelli, a spokesman for the king's only son, Victor Emanuel, said Umberto's family, including his estranged wife, Maria José, was with him when he died.

In Rome, where sympathetic politicians had already taken steps to honor the king's wish of spending his last days on Italian soil, Falcone Lucifero, former head of the royal household, said, "The last word he uttered was 'Italia.'"

"The family was fully prepared" and had been in Geneva for the past three weeks, said Dr. Peter Miescher, the physician in charge.

Dr. Miescher said Umberto was suffering from kidney failure in addition to bone cancer.

Umberto left his exile in Portugal to enter a London clinic, then entered a Geneva clinic at the end of February.



Umberto II

June 7. was 45.7 percent in favor and 54.3 percent against. Umberto abruptly left for Portugal, saying he wanted to avert a civil war, and Italy became a republic.

He settled among a colony of unthrone royalty, fading pretenders, blue bloods and the merely fashionable who kept each other company in the sea air of Estoril and Cascais, with the occasional stir of a titled wedding in Paris or Geneva.

Under the republican constitution, Umberto, his queen, the former Princess Maria José of Belgium, and their male descendants, including their only son, Prince Victor Emanuel, were barred from setting foot in Italy again. This was to safeguard the young republic when monarchism still marshaled crowds and legislative voting blocs.

More recently, having weathered political and economic travail without lapses from democracy, the Italian Parliament took the first step toward repeal of the law, with almost all political parties supporting the move.

Umberto himself kept track of the monarchist movement but stayed aloof from it and Italian politics in general.

His wife, daughter of Albert I (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Allies Rebuff a U.S. Effort to Curb Trade With Russians

By Axel Krause
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Major West European governments, contending that the allies' national security interests are not endangered, have rebuffed the Reagan administration's renewed effort to curb sales of sophisticated oil and natural gas equipment and technology to the Soviet Union.

The European reaction, expressed by officials Friday at the conclusion of a meeting in Paris, was seen by U.S. and European diplomats as a blow to hard-line administration "strategists" who would like to see agreements to restrict East-West trade emerge in a summit meeting of seven major industrial nations.

The summit is scheduled for May 28-30 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

According to participants who declined to be identified, the two-

day meeting of the Coordinating Committee for Exports to Communist Areas agreed to continue studying the flow of sensitive industrial exports and technology to the Soviet Union in the oil and gas sector.

Another meeting of COCOM, which groups members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Japan, is to be held in Paris next month.

No statement was issued at the conclusion of Friday's session, a meeting that a senior U.S. official described as "constructive and useful."

The official said that further detailed technical studies were needed on the security implications of exporting oil and gas-related equipment and technology. "There was flexibility shown by all sides" regarding further studies, he added.

European officials emphasized that they would continue resisting

American efforts to broaden present COCOM restrictions on East-West trade beyond security considerations.

"We still have a fundamental difference of viewpoint with the United States," one official said, "over what constitutes our economic security. ... We agreed to study the issue, but we refused to go along with the concept that trade could and should be used as an economic weapon."

"We still remember the pipeline sanctions by Mr. Reagan," he said, "and the fact that the United States continues selling its grains in the Soviet Union."

He added that European reservations about the U.S. effort to curb East-West trade were expressed by delegates from France, West Germany, Italy, the Scandinavian countries and Japan.

"Only Britain was supportive" of

the American approach, the official said.

The COCOM meeting was the first of its kind since President Ronald Reagan lifted U.S. sanctions against companies providing equipment for the Soviet natural gas pipeline in Western Europe.

Some U.S. and European officials saw the session as a first test of allied reaction to the persistently firm position on East-West trade of some Reagan administration agencies, chiefly the Commerce and Defense departments.

"We are aware," a European official said, "of the differences between Commerce and Defense, which are generally tough, and the State Department, which tends to be more flexible."

Agreeing with that assessment, U.S. officials who are not participating in the COCOM meeting but who are involved in monitoring East-West trade said any new,

broader commitment in restricting trade with Communist nations would have to be approved by Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

"It would be premature to talk of any new trade-policy initiatives related to influencing Soviet behavior, including on energy," a U.S. official said.

He noted that a comprehensive East-West energy study was under way at the International Energy Agency in Paris, aimed at assessing such questions as alternatives to Soviet oil and natural gas supplies and stockpiling of imported energy.

Lower world oil prices, the official added, were helping to ease pressures for buying Soviet oil and gas.

The trade issue is to be discussed further at a high-level COCOM meeting to be held in Paris in late April or early May.

Cambodian Refugees, Finding No Peace, Flee New York

By Robert D. McFadden
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Forty-four members of seven Cambodian families who fled from war and starvation in their homeland and crowded refugee camps in Thailand in take up new lives in New York have fled again, this time from robbers, muggers and young toughs on the streets of Brooklyn.

Taking little more than large sacks of rice and their clothes, the 44 boarded a chartered bus Wednesday for Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where furnished homes, food, interpreters and other volunteer help awaited them.

"They're disappointed," Truong Ngoc Phuong, director of the Indo-Chinese Service Center in Harrisburg, said Thursday as the refugees settled into row houses renovated by Presbyterian Church volunteers.

"They were trying to find freedom and safety in this country," Mr. Phuong said. "It was better than in Cambodia, but they couldn't find freedom and safety in Brooklyn. I don't know if they are bitter. They don't really express it in that way."

Mr. Phuong said that the families had lived just south of the borough's Prospect Park for up in a year and a half and that each had encountered violence, mostly muggings and robberies.

Two victims were hospitalized with injuries after muggings, he said. In some cases, children walking to school were beaten, and when their mothers escorted them, they were robbed. In recent weeks, five families reported break-ins at their apartments, Mr. Phuong said. He said that Cheam Leng, a 33-year-old maintenance worker, and his wife and four children were terrorized for three hours on Feb. 4

by three gunmen who invaded their apartment, took their money and carried away their furniture.

Mr. Phuong, a Vietnamese refugee who came to the United States 15 years ago, said he was asked for help by Jeffrey Nachamie and Jane Roberts, who work on refugee resettlement programs for the United Presbyterian Church in New York. Mr. Nachamie had been working with the Cambodians for seven months and wanted a safer home for them.

Most of the families came from Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, and left as early as 1978, during the bloody four-year rule of Pol Pot. They spent several years in camps in Thailand before arriving in the United States. Their confrontation with crime began soon after their arrival.

"I tried to make it better for them while they were here," Mr. Nachamie said, "but even with police assistance, I couldn't make it tenable. Every other day, it was something, a minor robbery to a major beating. All the police, all the agencies, couldn't do anything."

Since last fall, Mr. Nachamie said he had counted 22 major crimes, not including muggings, among 150 Indo-Chinese refugees living in a three-block area south of Prospect Park.

About \$5,000 for the resettlement of the families was provided by the World Refugee Resettlement office of the United Presbyterian Church, Mr. Nachamie said. Most of the money will go for renting homes.

In Harrisburg, Mr. Phuong sought help from the Reverend Roger Grussing, pastor of the Market Square Presbyterian Church, and from the Carlisle Presbytery of

the United Presbyterian Church, made up of 52 churches.

Two contractors provided eight row houses downtown for below-market rentals of \$250 a month in exchange for renovation work by church volunteers. Beds, blankets, food and numerous furnishings were donated by families in the area, Mr. Phuong said.

On Wednesday, when the bus arrived, 100 volunteers greeted the refugees with a dinner at the Market Square Church. The service center, Mr. Phuong said, will help family members find jobs and enroll children in schools. It has found volunteers to help with problems ranging from English interpretation to shopping.

Pentagon Study Says 5-Year Military Plan Will Cost \$2 Trillion

By George C. Wilson
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's newest five-year plan for increasing America's military power will cost \$2 trillion, according to a study by the Defense Department's Office of Management and Enterprise, released last week.

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Memo on Arms Talks Criticizes 2 Democrats

By David Shribman
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — An internal Pentagon memorandum released last week criticized two Democratic members of Congress, Senator Gary Hart of Colorado and Representative Bob Carr of Michigan, for their views on arms control talks in Geneva.

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Scientists Report A New Advance In Antibodies

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Researchers are one step closer to a new method of cancer treatment that will target the body's defenses on cancer cells and destroy them, according to scientists at the National Cancer Institute.

The scientists, who are part of the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program, have developed a new method of cancer treatment that will target the body's defenses on cancer cells and destroy them.

The new method, which is called "antibody therapy," involves the use of antibodies to target cancer cells and destroy them.

The scientists say that the new method is a significant advance in cancer treatment and that it may lead to the development of new drugs to treat cancer.

Chadli Goes To Tunis To Sign Agreements

United Press International

TUNIS — President Benjedid Chadli of Algeria arrived here Friday for a three-day visit during which he is scheduled to sign cooperation agreements with President Habib Bourguiba, officials said.

Colonel Chadli's program in the Tunisian capital was not disclosed, but officials said he would conclude agreements providing for closer economic coordination and more cultural exchanges. The visit follows months of conciliatory moves by both governments aimed at healing years of estrangement.

Haiti Wants Hero's Ashes Back to Complete a Pantheon

By Juan de Onis
International Herald Tribune

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The Haitian government, which is to inaugurate a national pantheon April 7, is hoping that France by then will return the ashes of Toussaint L'Ouverture, a leader of the Haitian revolution for independence who died in a French jail.

The remains of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who was a black general of the French Army, are now at Fort-de-Joux in France. If returned, they would be placed in the pantheon alongside those of Alexandre Pétion, Jean-Jacques Dessalines and Henri Christophe, three other figures in the slave revolt that succeeded against Napoleon Bonaparte.

"We have been trying to get L'Ouverture's ashes back since 1880. We have indications that the Mitterrand government is prepared to do it," said Gaston Hermant, the director-general of the National Pantheon Museum, in reference to the government of President François Mitterrand in France.

The pantheon is an underground structure covered by a dome of lavas and white marble pools that is located next to the presidential palace. It occupies a space that was once designated as the site for the mausoleum of Haiti's late president, François Duvalier, who ruled this country for 14 years and placed his son, Jean-Claude Duvalier, in the hereditary presidency.

It is said in social circles close to Jean-Claude Duvalier and his wife, Dominique, that she had insisted that the pantheon be built in honor of heroes of the independence movement and that the Duvalier identification be downplayed.

Beyond the oval entrance, where the remains of the

heroes are to be enshrined, the pantheon opens into a hall that contains a remarkable collection of historical objects representing Haiti's varied, turbulent past. It starts with a display of pre-Columbian objects, with artifacts of the native Arawak Indians, who have virtually disappeared.

The museum then moves to the era of Haiti's discovery. The central object in this section is the anchor

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recovered from the Santa Maria, one of the three ships used in the first voyage of Columbus, which wrecked off the northern coast of this island.

Then, after a section devoted to slavery, comes objects from the period of independence. The key object on display is a mahogany voodoo drum nearly five feet (1.5 meters) tall. The drum was used by Mr. Desalines to summon the rebels who fought the French from 1791 until 1804.

François Duvalier, who protected voodoo, is represented in the final section of the museum, after sections on the Haitian emperors, and the military occupation by United States marines that lasted from 1915 to 1934.

The objects of the last section include the black doctor's bag that François Duvalier took with him as he toured the country as a rural physician and ethnographer and the gold-plated automatic pistol he carried.

Mr. Hermant said a circular gallery surrounding this central hall will contain a permanent display of Haitian art. Collections are being brought for the inauguration from museums in the United States and private owners.

Haiti, which is poor and undergoing an austerity

program, does not have large amounts of money for art and cultural projects, Mr. Hermant said. But he added that he has support from the presidential palace for developing a school of fine arts that will give Haiti's people an opportunity for formal instruction.

The daily minimum wage in Haiti of \$2.60 is less than the hourly minimum wage in the United States, which explains the very low level of protein consumption in this country of six million people. Even compared with the neighboring Dominican Republic, Haiti's nutrition is deprived.

For instance, poultry producers in the Dominican Republic are now marketing about 50 million chickens a year and even exporting some to Puerto Rico. In Haiti, for a population of about the same size, two million chickens are produced annually. Organized egg production in Haiti is only 600,000 dozens a year, which averages out to just over one egg a year for each Haitian.

Claude Levy, who worked for Chase Manhattan Bank in the United States for 20 years, said the only answer to Haiti's basic poverty problem is to create more jobs. He has come back to the island to promote private-sector investments that generate employment.

Mr. Levy is director of a private jobs program known as the Development Finance Corp. He said that private Haitian investors had put \$1 million into the program and that he had obtained a U.S. promise of a \$4-million grant and of technical assistance worth \$1 million.

Until recently, private investors have shown most interest in assembly plants that use Haiti's cheap

labor. There are about 150 such operations. The plants have generated as much as 60,000 jobs in textile piecework, electronic assembly, pharmaceutical packaging and printing.

The U.S. recession has hit the plants hard, however, causing the loss of about 12,000 jobs. Mr. Levy said these operations could be revitalized rapidly if the recession ends and if Haiti gains the trade advantages promised by the United States under President Ronald Reagan's proposed Caribbean basin initiative.

And the Private Finance Corp., under the presidency of Andres Apaid, a leading manufacturer, is giving new emphasis to projects in rural areas that will not only be labor intensive but will also generate food production. The maximum loan for each project will be \$150,000.

To develop these small projects, an agricultural center is being set up by two Israeli experts, Eli Mizrahi and Dan Reis. They will provide technical assistance for farmers and market the production.

"In Haiti, as in Israel, water management is a vital factor. There are only 57,000 hectares (140,800 acres) of irrigated land now, and this has to be increased significantly if agricultural production is to meet the country's food needs," Mr. Levy said.

U.S. government-financed wheat, soybean and vegetable oil sales of \$15 million annually are expected to generate a local currency fund that will be used in finance long-term agricultural development.

The basic problem of water has never been given a large-scale investment. That means the problems of food self-sufficiency and exports have never been solved. Even production of coffee, Haiti's most important farm product, has declined in recent years as land has eroded and become less fertile, largely because of poor water management.

U.S. Aides Say El Salvador Ignores Intelligence Data in War on Rebels

By Philip Taubman
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — An intelligence-gathering network established by the United States in Central America to track Soviet and Cuban arms shipments and monitor guerrilla activities in El Salvador has proven too sophisticated to be used effectively by the Salvadoran military, according to senior Reagan administration officials.

It has also covered up U.S. intelligence technicians near combat areas, exposing them to far more danger than U.S. military advisers in El Salvador, the officials said.

The network, which officials said was installed during the last two years at a cost of tens of millions of dollars, provides highly detailed information about guerrilla plans and operations, including targets designated for attack.

The Salvadoran military, however, has often ignored the warnings or been unable to dispatch troops quickly enough to head off enemy attacks, the officials said. For example, the officials said, the Salvadoran military was unable to take advantage of detailed warnings about a guerrilla offensive in January.

highest national security priorities of the Reagan administration, they added.

William J. Casey, the director of central intelligence, in an oblique reference to the intelligence network, said last year that the Central Intelligence Agency had contributed to the success of the March 1982 elections in El Salvador by helping the military there anticipate guerrilla efforts to disrupt the voting.

National security officials said this week that the election results, which showed a high-water mark for the intelligence information. Recent guerrilla successes showed, they said, that the Salvadoran military

lacked the manpower, leadership, and equipment to react swiftly to intelligence reports about guerrilla intentions.

The exact cost of building and operating the Central American intelligence network is carried in secret budget figures of the Defense Department and the Central Intelligence Agency, according to national security officials. But they estimated that the cost, since the system was formed in 1981, has totaled more than \$100 million.

The collection system, officials said, provides the United States with a highly detailed picture of arms traffic from Cuba to Nicaragua.

Salvadoran Panel Presents Plan for 'Broad' Amnesty

United Press International

SAN SALVADOR — A special panel has recommended to President Alvaro Alfredo Magaña a broad amnesty plan that would allow for leftist guerrillas to participate in elections this December and lead to the eventual return of exiled leftist politicians.

Mr. Magaña declined to release full details of the recommendations, but he had said when naming the eight-member panel last month that it must help find a peaceful end to the three-year-old civil war that has left 32,000 people dead. Leftist insurgents have rejected an amnesty and the scheduled elections as a "farce."

In a brief statement Thursday, the eight-member commission said: "Our first step has been to recommend to the government... an amnesty law that will be broad and opportunistic." The commission's proposals require the approval of Mr. Magaña and the adoption of the 30-member Constituent Assembly.

Mr. Magaña said the panel was also developing ways to let leftist political exiles return for the voting.

The Reagan administration has supported government plans for amnesty as a way to undercut leftist claims that they cannot safely participate in elections, a strategy that was used when the Constituent Assembly was elected.



A FINNISH START — Kalevi Sorsa, the prime minister of Finland, served the former U.S. vice president, Walter F. Mondale, Finnish porridge for breakfast on Friday. Mr. Mondale, who said in February that he is seeking the Democratic nomination for the presidency, arrived Thursday in Helsinki for an unofficial visit.

Quality of U.S. Teachers Declines As Top Women Take Other Jobs

By Lawrence Feinberg
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The surge of women into business, law and other professions has "drained away" many of the brightest women from teaching in U.S. schools and is one of the prime reasons for an alarming drop in the academic quality of new teachers, according to a report.

"Many high-caliber young women students are choosing other professions which used to be open to only a few of them," said Emily Feistritzer, director of the study, which was issued Wednesday.

During the 1970s, the report said, the college board test scores of education majors dropped far more rapidly than those of students in other fields, while the number of women earning education degrees dropped by more than a third.

Meanwhile, women being graduated from college with degrees in business rose from just over 9,000 in 1970 to almost 63,000 in 1980, those with a law degree surged from 801 to 10,761, and those get-

ting engineering degrees increased from 526 to 7,669.

Women continue to make up almost 70 percent of the teaching force in U.S. public schools, Miss Feistritzer said. "But a lot of the cream is being skimmed off."

"Unless major steps are taken to reverse it, she said, the slide in teacher quality 'will accelerate within the next few years,' undermining the quality of schools and threatening America's 'postwar role as a world leader.'"

Miss Feistritzer, who holds a doctorate in education from Indiana University, publishes a series of education newsletters in Washington. Her 63-page report pulls together and analyzes a range of data on education from government agencies and teacher organizations.

The report also shows the following:

- A severe shortage of qualified mathematics and science teachers.
- Widespread dissatisfaction among teachers with their status and jobs.
- Teacher salary levels that are relatively low and have lagged be-

hind inflation. The biggest salary problem, Miss Feistritzer said, is not for beginners but for experienced teachers, whose pay increases are much less than in other white-collar fields.

The average pay of teachers traditionally has been low, Miss Feistritzer noted. But until the 1970s a large proportion of capable women went into teaching anyway because there were few opportunities in other fields.

"Women, like men, go now to money and prestige," she wrote. "That means they go elsewhere than into teaching."

A study issued last year by the National Center for Education Statistics showed that the average achievement level of female high school seniors going into teaching fell much more sharply from 1972 to 1980 than that of female students heading for other fields.

The achievement level of the relatively few males headed for teaching also fell, the study said, but at about the same rate as for other male students.

Reagan Aide Says Watt, a 'Political Liability,' May Quit

By Robert Shogan
Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — Edward J. Rollins, a White House political adviser, has acknowledged that Interior Secretary James G. Watt is becoming a "political liability" and has indicated that Mr. Watt might resign to spare the Reagan administration further damage over its environmental policies.

In an interview Thursday, Mr. Rollins said that public reaction to the administration's handling of environmental issues was "a serious problem." The negative reaction has been intensified by the controversy that has caused the resignation of Anne McGill Burford, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"You've got to do something to resolve that," he added, "because environmental issues cut across all partisan bounds."

Mr. Rollins, assistant to the president for political affairs, was asked whether it was his guess that Mr. Watt has become a political liability.



Interior Secretary James G. Watt

"Well, it's not my guess," he replied. "Your public surveys are showing that Jim has probably the highest negatives of any other member of the cabinet. He's been the one that's been immersed in the most controversial discussions over the last two years, some of which he's brought on his own, some of which have been [a result of] the policies of the administration."

There has been private speculation by administration officials, including Mr. Watt's aides, that pub-

lic resentment of Mr. Watt's style and policies might end his tenure at the Interior Department. But Mr. Rollins' remarks represented the bluntest public assessment so far by an administration official of Mr. Watt's performance and his future.

His comments came in a candid appraisal of the administration's political condition, during which Mr. Rollins conceded that President Ronald Reagan has lost sup-

port among Jews because of the recession and support in the South because of blacks' opposition to Mr. Reagan's policies. He also said that public support for the president had declined because "we have not sold the need for a defense budget as effectively as we should have."

As for the so-called gender gap, a reference to poll results that have consistently shown women giving the president lower ratings than

men, Mr. Rollins said: "Well, we're closing the gender gap because we're losing support among men."

Of Mr. Watt's situation, Mr. Rollins said he and the secretary had "lots of conversations about political liabilities" and Mr. Watt's role in the administration.

"Jim Watt is a politically astute man," he said, "and he realizes that there's a line that he can cross where he becomes a liability to this president. And he's told me repeatedly and he's told the president that if he ever reached that point, where he becomes a political liability to this president, he will step aside."

Mr. Rollins said that Mr. Watt had strong support among conservative Republicans and, to some extent, such support helped to offset the negative reaction to him among environmental groups and their supporters.

Overall, Mr. Rollins said, the only group of voters among whom support for Mr. Reagan had not declined was "hard-core Republicans." Nevertheless, Mr. Rollins said that the president still had a strong base of support in the coun-

try, and he professed confidence that he would seek a second term as president.

"I think he's got to start sometime in early September to start putting the apparatus in place," he said, "and I would assume that sometime this summer or as late as Labor Day he would make his decision."

Democrats' Budget Is Assailed by Reagan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan criticized on Friday the House Democrats' 1984 budget proposal, which would more than halve his military spending request, as "truly dangerous."

The president said the Democrats' proposed military budget — slashing spending after inflation from Mr. Reagan's 10 percent a year to 4 percent — amounted to "a dagger aimed straight at the heart of America's rebuilding plan." The plan was approved by the House Budget Committee Thursday.



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Oil-Shock Absorbers

"I have a strong feeling that this will work out and that OPEC will be in the driver's seat." — Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

"It's a sticky agreement. If demand doesn't pick up by summer OPEC could be headed for another crisis." — John Savoy, Sun Co.

Most analysts take Sheikh Yamani's words as wishful thinking rather than sage prophecy. The agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to limit production — the only way it can hold the oil price floor at \$29 a barrel — will be extremely hard to enforce. But before euphoria takes over, it is worth remembering some immutable facts of life in the petroleum era: any interruption of oil shipments from the Gulf, or even a modest increase in world demand, could touch off another price explosion. An aggressive policy to reduce imports is the surest way to keep the OPEC well oiled.

The new \$29 benchmark reflects the unofficial discounts most producers have been offering to maintain their shares of the dwindling market. And the new quota system, which limits total OPEC production to 17.5 million barrels a day, allows for pumping three million more than the exporters were able to sell in February without any production limits. It is no wonder, then, that a lot of knowledgeable people believe that oil prices are likely to fall further, and that OPEC will remain on the defensive for years.

Then why the need for caution? Because an adequate supply of oil at a stable price is a

cornerstone of Western prosperity. To ignore the modest but real possibility of a reversal would be foolish. One clear risk is a wider war in the Gulf. If exports from Iran, Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states were cut by a few million barrels a day, prices would probably take off.

Then too, the numbers suggest that even without a military shock the oil market could tighten sharply. Oil inventories are being drawn down by four million to six million barrels a day in anticipation of a further price drop. By fall, however, or sooner if the economic recovery gathers steam, refiners will have to replenish their stocks. It is possible that the extra oil will be available at bargain prices from OPEC quota cheaters, or from non-OPEC exporters. But it would be reckless to assume that.

Some relatively painless steps would help keep OPEC on the run. First, fill the strategic petroleum reserve. With enough fuel in storage, the United States could neutralize the impact of oil shocks or counter calculated attempts to raise prices. Second, just as important, tax imported oil by \$10 or more per barrel. That would keep export prices low by paring demand, and it would also encourage domestic exploration.

Twice in the last decade oil shocks have triggered world recessions, destroying millions of jobs and losing hundreds of billions in output. Are we so myopic that we cannot take the most elementary precautions against a third?

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Raid in Johannesburg

Five police agents of the South African government have raided the home, and seven raided the office, of Allister Sparks, the Washington Post's correspondent in South Africa. These police spent about two hours Wednesday in Mr. Sparks's house and a little over four in his office, going through private papers and furnishings, seizing such things as files, clippings, records of current messages and communications between The Post in Washington and Mr. Sparks in Johannesburg, and taking Mr. Sparks's typewriter when they left. The pretext for this seems to have been a couple of articles that Mr. Sparks had written 10 months ago.

Does that sound fishy? It should. But there is more. The law invoked to justify this ransacking so long after Mr. Sparks's purported offense says the press may not quote a "banned" person. Banned people are those who have been formally ostracized and put under a form of house arrest by the South African government, which is at such pains to tell us all how enlightened it is. Generally, South African correspondents for publications in the United States, in Britain and elsewhere have taken this to mean that although these people could not be quoted in the South African press, they could be quoted in articles to be printed in other countries. Such banned persons as the black political dissident Winnie Mandela, and the white Afrikaner radical reformer Beyers Naude, have frequently been quoted in some of those publications, such as the British papers and the International

Herald Tribune, that find their way into South Africa.

If such indirect breaches of the government's effort to maintain the kind of political silence it likes best have been prosecuted, it has been a rarity. That is why the fact that Mr. Sparks quoted Mrs. Mandela in articles published months ago in the Tribune and in the London Observer, for which he also writes, is so flimsy and unconvincing an excuse for the raid. We think they plain do not like what Mr. Sparks has been writing and that they are trying to intimidate him.

Allister Sparks is an uncompromisingly honest journalist, and anyone who tries to intimidate him happens to be setting out on a fool's mission. We could have told the South African government that and spared it a lot of trouble. But to our mind, it is not so much what the people who authorized this police raid need to be told as what they are telling the rest of the world about themselves that is interesting. Here is a government that says to people in the United States that we Americans have got it all wrong, that it has embarked on a path toward racial reform and that, in any event, such institutions as its courts and its press are relatively free — certainly free by the standards that obtain for such things almost everywhere else.

Some freedom, some democracy, some toleration of an independent press. As is so often the case with governments, one does better to watch what this one does than what it says.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Opinion

Reagan and Morality

At his first presidential news conference, Ronald Reagan scandalized some centers of fashionable opinion by suggesting that national moralities matter, and that the Soviet Union's is not to be found in the Boy Scout Handbook.

It happened again recently when the president repeated the message before the National Association of Evangelicals, meeting in Orlando, Florida. He extolled the Judeo-Christian roots of political freedom, and unabashedly proclaimed their superiority, as he sees it, to the secular values of Soviet doctrine.

Afterward, the president's critics lodged two somewhat contradictory objections. One is that since the evangelical Christians are presumed to be a Reagan constituency, the president was merely jouncing them up for political purposes. The other is that surely no contemporary president can really believe — can he? — that the East-West confrontation is some sort of Armageddon in which we battle for the Lord, and they — the Russians — for the hosts of Darkness.

One problem is that the press reports such speeches in snippets, stressing provocative passages. The president was not, with his comments about the "evil" Soviet Union, dividing the world simplistically between light and darkness. "Our nation too," he said, "has a legacy of evil with which it must deal," including the legacy of human slavery.

Even so, the Orlando speech was high on provocative rhetoric, which makes sense if you regard the world as a provocative place just now. My own notion is that without occasional reference to fundamental values, the great and scary conflicts of our time may come to seem mere perversities.

No state or system perfectly embodies the doctrines it professes. Judeo-Christian or Marxist-Leninist. But doctrines do differ, and the differences matter.

— Edwin M. Yoder in The Washington Post.

Strauss's Game

The negotiations between West Germany's coalition partners on policy and the make-up of a cabinet look very much like a poker game with Franz Josef Strauss, the Christian Social leader, playing for very high stakes. His demand to be foreign minister and his threat to uncouple his party from its bigger Christian Democrat allies in the Bundestag need not be taken at face value.

Few people, and probably not even Herr Strauss himself, could imagine Chancellor Helmut Kohl dropping Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Free Democrat leader who risked his own and his party's political existence to create the present coalition, from the No. 2 post. Herr Strauss's move, highly embarrassing to Kohl, can be seen more as a bid to extract the maximum influence both in policy and jobs for his party.

— The Times (London).

FROM OUR MARCH 19 PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1933: Mussolini Presents Plan

PORT-AU-PRINCE — M. Imarius, the Supreme Court judge, who is a refugee in the French Legation, says he wants the Herald to inform the world that the right of asylum cannot be abolished, that no person is safe in this country if shelter is denied when the government acts against alleged revolutionists. M. Marcelin's proclamation advises Haitians not to spread alarming news, which is dangerous to the independence of the country. He adds that on its side the government ought to protect peaceful citizens and foreigners. The general opinion is that President Alexis is good and kindhearted and has not participated in the orders for executions, but that his surroundings led him to acts of violence.

1933: Mussolini Presents Plan

ROME — Premier Mussolini today seized the initiative in his interviews with Prime Minister MacDonald on current international problems, and presented a detailed project for the collaboration of the four major powers of Western Europe to "assure a long period of peace for Europe and the world" within the spirit of the Kellogg pact and existing declarations against resort to force. The plan was clearly designed to assure unity of action between Italy, France, Germany and England, which has been conspicuously absent since the bitter days of the peace conference. Mussolini backed his plan with a "plan for understanding on principal political questions" now separating the nations concerned.

Marcos and the Press

Regarding "Marcos Takes Aim at the Philippine Press" (IHT, Feb. 22):

Did you really expect anything different from the arrest of 15 Filipino journalists and the padlocking of "We Forum," after it published that series questioning the authenticity of the war medals President Ferdinand Marcos sports?

Sure, the questions raised in "We Forum" were legitimate. Mr. Marcos is a public official. And war medals are official awards. In the democratic tradition, these are subject to public scrutiny.

But these considerations shrivel in the stark reality that underpins Mr. Marcos's democratic posturing. That reality is: No dictator can afford a free press.

If Mr. Marcos allows his medals to be questioned now, he knows it would not be long before questions would arise on other muffled issues: political prisoners; torture; rigging of elections; military abuses; raids on government financial institutions; unexplained wealth, and so on.

The 1983 Lenten pastoral letter of the Catholic bishops (IHT, Feb. 21)

Graying the Greens

Regarding "Ex-Nazi, a Green, Quits Bundestag" (IHT, March 15):

So the elder statesman of the triumphant Greens in Germany turns out to have been an active Nazi. What is surprising is not that it happened but that it happened so soon after the Greens had political responsibility thrust upon them.

And so the Greens quickly lose their political virgility. Is it too much to hope — it probably is — that they will learn from this that parliamentarism, democracy, with its trade-offs and its dark and light grays rather than

Not for Sale

I think the West should buy Poland from the Russians, for say, \$25 billion. That seems to me a fair price for a country with a collapsing economy and runaway inflation. In fact, since we have already paid the price, all we have to do is collect the title.

R.J. ELLIS, Geneva.

Delving Into Islam

Regarding "Letter: Time to Lift the Western Veil on Islam" (IHT, March 18):

My earnest congratulations on the publication of Mohammed Abu Tarbush's letter from Paris. Mr. Abu Tarbush has said something that should have been said a long time ago. The perhaps tragic misconceptions held by the Christian West toward Islam have no doubt long been the cause of friction and resentment between two faiths.

Letters to the Editor

Yet if only Christians would delve further into the beliefs and principles of Islam, they would surely find how amazingly close the two beliefs really are, and hopefully would come to respect their brother faith, as indeed it is, for Muslims are taught to respect all faiths.

If just a few would take steps toward self-enlightenment concerning Islam, certainly more would follow, and then, ideally, greater social and cultural harmony would ensue. The opportunity is there.

Princess TALAL bin MOHAMMED, London.

No Britain Then

Regarding "Again, Britain Is in the Middle" (IHT, March 3):

George F. Will says, "France and Britain were nations in the 1400s." When will Americans realize that Britain did not exist before, at least, the union of the Scottish and English crowns in 1603 (when a Scottish king succeeded to the English throne), and not really until the union of the Scottish and English parliaments in 1707. In the 1400s Scotland was an independent country, frequently allied with the French in wars against the English.

JOHN L. CAMPBELL, 146 of Canis, Scotland.

How Opinion Polls Help Voters Tailor Their Message

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — The voters of France and West Germany have delivered their message, a stern warning to President François Mitterrand from the French, and carefully balanced support for Chancellor Helmut Kohl from the West Germans.

The results seem to indicate that public opinion polls have become an important factor in refining the democratic process.

Politicians have long known how to use polls to tailor their message to the electorate, identify issues and point out their opponents' tender spots. Now, voters are learning to use them to make their answers more precise and effective.

This showed dramatically in West Germany. The two major fears before the balloting were that either no viable government could emerge if the amorphous Greens won the power balance between the two major parties, or that an absolute majority for the Christian Democrat-Christian Social Union team would give Bavaria's heavy-handed Franz Josef Strauss too much pull.

As it turned out, by rallying to the Free Democrats sufficiently to send them back to the Bundestag and oblige Chancellor Kohl to

renew the coalition, voters avoided both disagreeable prospects.

Naturally, politicians who hoped for different results denounced the opinion polls that made it possible. Mr. Strauss told the electorate a week before the ballot not to believe poll results showing the Free Democrats were reviving from the deep slump that had threatened to oust them from the legislature. If he had been believed, it would have seemed futile to support the Free Democrats and his prophecy could have become self-fulfilling.

Peter Glotz, a Social Democrat, called for a general ban on pre-election polls. The fact that they showed his party (accurately) as having support from less than 40 percent of the electorate was "an open attempt at manipulation," he asserted.

French politicians succeeded several years ago in forbidding the polls to publish late estimates, on the ground that they unduly influence voters. Two weeks before the first round of France's two-round elections, the polls are muzzled.

They continue to make surveys which the politicians see; friends of politicians who want to anticipate an election's impact on the exchange rate or the stock market also manage to get hold of the banned figures. Only the public is denied down-to-the-wire reports.

But the French were shrewd enough to find a way around it. On the first round of nationwide municipal elections, they delivered a hefty setback to the Socialist-Communist governing coalition. The figures said clearly that they were displeased with the way things were going. Fourteen percent of the opposition's votes came from people who voted for Mr. Mitterrand in May 1981.

Exit polls showed that a surprising 13 percent of the opposition voters and 8 percent of the government's supporters did not make up their mind until election day or a few days before, a massive floating vote.

On the second round, however, the voters shifted to indicate the result did not mean a wholesale rejection of the government and endorsement of the opposition. They tempered

the message of an overwhelming first-round defeat which they had not foreseen, either by changing sides or turning up after having abstained in the first round.

In Britain, according to the political scientist Ivor Crewe of Essex University, voters are also coming to rely on polls to make sure their ballots send the right signal. The rise of the Social Democratic-Liberal alliance has provoked ambiguities in what used to be almost a straight two-party system.

So if they want to get rid of Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, voters check to see whether Labor or the Alliance has the best chance of defeating the Tory candidate. Those who want to make sure Labor does not get in make a similar calculation in constituencies where it is unclear whether the Alliance or the Tories are more likely to beat Labor.

By its nature, representative democracy is a blunt instrument that does not offer the elector much chance to express nuance.

But the impact of polling on the political process can help the voter clarify his message.

The New York Times.



The protectionist spirit

Should the U.S. Put a Lid on Trade Imbalances?

By I.M. Destler

WASHINGTON — One excellent indicator of the heat of political discourse on an issue is the degree to which usually sensible people are driven to embrace nonsensical policy proposals. Recent U.S.-Japan relations are a good case in point.

A striking example for the nonsense prize is a proposal by Representative Forney H. Stark of California, who would limit the bilateral trade imbalance between the two countries to \$10 billion a year.

Mr. Stark's bill takes its central idea from Lester Thurow, the MIT economist, who recently proposed that "we abolish all of our current restrictions on specific Japanese exports and replace them with a system of general reciprocity." Instead of yielding to autoworkers on "local content" or haggling with Tokyo over oranges and semiconductors, the United States would say to Japan: Sell us whatever you wish, but if the total comes to more than a certain level above what we sell you, the walls will go up. Mr. Thurow suggests a ceiling of a \$1-billion Japanese surplus every three months; Mr. Stark would be more generous, allowing \$10 billion for a year.

The idea is, at first glance, appealing. U.S. devaluation to open the Japanese market has led Washington to press Tokyo on any number of sensitive matters, from overt quotas (as on beef) to Japan's internal distribution and zoning laws. Meanwhile, the bilateral deficit continues to grow, reaching about \$20 billion last year. What is wrong with a proposal that we step back, stop our fighting over baseball bats and sake and let the numbers do the talking instead?

Just about everything. The most obvious problems are operational. Forget the question of just how, administratively, the United States would enforce such a broad limit. Assuming that it was possible, a sudden, across-the-board cutoff of Japanese imports would be incredibly disruptive — not just for American consumers but to the many U.S. firms for whom the timely arrival of, say, Japanese-made semiconductors or machine tools is important. It would disrupt normal, ongoing business relationships; and the negative

political impact in Tokyo would be very great.

And to what end? In periods when the U.S.-Japan trade deficit has risen rapidly, a major underlying cause has been an undervalued yen in relation to the dollar. A sudden cutoff in Japanese exports to its prime market would surely cause the yen to plummet further, giving its products a still greater price advantage.

But would things really get this far? The premise of the Thurow-Stark proposal is, presumably, that the trade gap exists largely because Japan's market is less open than the United States'. The overall limit would supposedly force it to reduce its import barriers, and the imbalance would decrease. But would that happen? In recent years, Japan's overall international accounts have been in rough balance: a surplus in

trade in goods but a deficit in services; a surplus in manufactures but a deficit in raw materials.

If Japan imports more from the world, Japan will have to export more to pay for it. How that would affect its bilateral trade with the United States is uncertain — it would depend, to oversimplify slightly, on the composition of those added imports and exports. But its surplus with the United States could quite plausibly end up larger than before.

If the bilateral trade imbalance will not dependably contract as Japan's import market expands, this suggests that Mr. Stark and Mr. Thurow have fixed on the wrong target entirely. If the level of the bilateral imbalance is not a product of nefarious Japanese practices, then it is hard to see why, in economic policy terms, it is a problem at all. Why

does bilateral trade balancing make any more sense with Japan than it does with Western Europe — where the United States typically runs a large surplus — or with Saudi Arabia?

Rapid surges in the Japanese imbalance are certainly a problem for particular U.S. industries, but greater exchange-rate stability is the only plausible means of getting a handle on them.

The United States has a number of real economic problems with Japan: a skewed yen-dollar rate and high-technology competition are among the most important. On none of these real problems does regulation of the overall U.S.-Japan trade balance offer any real-life help.

The writer is a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He contributed this article to The Washington Post.

In Defense of EC Farm Subsidies

By Roy Denman

WASHINGTON — Bloodthirsty cries now are resounding around the town. They are about agriculture. This is hardly surprising because the American farmer is going through a tough time. Real farm income is said to be the lowest since the 1930s; exports are falling; foreclosures are stalking the land.

It is time to find a scapegoat. And so from a thousand throats comes the cry that the European Community is responsible for the troubles of the American farmer.

What are the real reasons for the American farm crisis? The Farm Bureau News reports that J. Dawson Ahalt, U.S. deputy assistant agriculture secretary, spoke in December to a farmers' group in Washington on "A look at what caused current farm problems." Mr. Ahalt was clear and precise: "Rising production, due in part to the promise held out by the booming '70s, combined with weak demand [is] responsible for current low prices.... For the first time in 12 years, U.S. farm exports in 1982 dropped by \$4 billion. A big chunk

of that was due to the strength of the dollar.... All of this has come during a period of widespread recession in which the growth of industrialized countries has fallen and instability has wrecked other markets."

It is true that Mr. Ahalt added a reference to the United States "now being beaten by the European Community's export subsidies to the [Soviet] and other markets." However, this seemed almost an afterthought.

Agricultural subsidies are not just a European phenomenon. In 1982, the U.S. government and the European Community (including expenditures by member states) each subsidized farmers to the tune of about \$30 billion. Comparisons are difficult because the methods of supporting agriculture are different. But given that the U.S. farm work force is barely one-third the size of the community's, the U.S. government spent more

per farmer than did the community.

Agricultural export subsidies were recognized as a fact of life during the recent round of international trade negotiations, so long as the subsidies did not allow any nation to take an unfair share of world trade.

Community exports have not crowded out U.S. farmers. Corn is the U.S. commodity that has been hardest hit by declines in export prospects. It is interesting to note that the community is not even an exporter of corn. Corn exports have fallen off because the strong dollar has made U.S. corn less of a bargain.

In the case of wheat and wheat flour, which account for nearly one-third of the volume of total U.S. farm exports, the European Community's share of the world market between 1969-71 and 1979-82 increased by 3.4 percentage points, while the U.S. share grew by 11.9 points.

So we have not taken more than an equitable share of world trade. But neither do we plan to abandon the world market.

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U.S., S. Africa Hold High-Level Talks on Namibia

■ **Newsweek Is Banned**
South African authorities banned Friday the Feb. 14 issue of Newsweek magazine, which featured a story about political prisoners around the world including South Africa. The Associated Press reported from Cape Town. The article included a profile of Nelson Mandela, the jailed African National Congress leader.

Dr. Clarke Williams, 82, a nuclear physicist and former deputy di-

cause the totals should have been based on the actual number of senators and representatives rather than on the number of seats, some left vacant by deaths and resignations.

There was speculation among some politicians that the army's supporters might attempt to do this.

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Lagerfeld Returns With Chloé Magic

By Hebe Dorsey
International Herald Tribune

PARIS—Skirts are much longer in Paris today—not that it matters. For fashion is no longer a story of hemlines. It is the spirit of clothes that counts.

With the world as Main Street, women never had it so good, and it is a question of deciding who wants what, where and why. So after the introverted, suppressed and somber Japanese story Thursday, came Karl Lagerfeld, recreating his own seductive version of the *Parisienne* with one of his best Chloé collections ever.

Lagerfeld, who has been designing for several other houses lately, including Chanel, proved here that he could handle it all—and recapture the old luxurious Chloé magic. More and more sophisticated, as well as more and more expensive, his collection fully fits the New Couture label. Lagerfeld, whose penchant for *la grande vie* (his mother used to dress in Paris couture houses) has never been a secret, went even further in that direction. These are top-dollar clothes for top-dollar markets.

A mature, secure talent, Lagerfeld has produced a longer, leaner, strict but soft look. He did it with knits, which follow the body in mellow curves; double-breasted, which break up the straight-as-an-iron

houette; and frothy fabrics such as mohair.

Skirts stopped at mid-ankle, over short, supple boots—a far cry from the stuffy military, Vienna Riding School look he showed a year ago. Flattering touches were all over, from big, black velvet picture hats (edged with a contrasting colored visor) to black cowls filled with white. Gloves came in gold or silver leather and egret feathers sprung up on little satin hats. Diamond buttons were used lavishly. Huge aiffetta bows sprouted at the neck while giant leather sashes cinched the hips. Big pearls alternated with more whimsical jewelry, such as giant diamond arrows, placed here, there and everywhere.

Lagerfeld played up the sweater, a rampant theme in Paris shows that is supposed to be even bigger at Yves Saint Laurent next Wednesday. But his were typically Chloé, whimsical and colorful. One of his favorites was bicolor—with contrasting shoulder, red with black, or mustard with brown—a trick he also used on knit dresses, which were in fact just elongated sweaters.

Both suits and coats were very important at Chloé, but coats dominated the scene. They ranged all the way from three-quarter and seemingly weightless knits to more structured, double-breasted, mannish overcoats, fastened with dull



Ungaro's long suit (left) and Chloé's "Parisienne," with diamond buttons and gold gloves.

silver buttons and finished with giant scarves. There was also a deeply-caped Sherlock Holmes coat, which doubled up as raincoat.

Gray, as well as black, looked great, especially when shown together. Gray flannel was used for evening and decorated with jeweled Byzantine cuffs. Another favorite color was purple, to which Lagerfeld gave a serious boost.

The elaborate evening wear, which now rivals that on sale in Paris's top couture houses, included both long and short—the short a witty combination of lace and ruffles, while the long were beautiful columns of crepe, embroidered with streams of diamonds rushing out of faucets like water. One of his most arresting was a long and slender black crepe dress, its back decorated with a multicolored jeweled spine.

At Ungaro's, there were also long skirts and a big bucks look. For daytime he showed Mondrianesque tunics over skirts and a

great variety of suits and coats. The latter, a major revival this season, came in all kinds of shapes—from the three-quarter, flaring coat that softened lean dresses to the masculine type, good and long.

Long skirts were buttoned down the side and worn with flowery blouses and tall boots, looking faintly folkloric. Long, skinny dresses were strongly belted with wide, hobnailed leather. But toward the end, Ungaro also brought out short outfits that looked a lot younger and sexier.

Ungaro used dry-surfaced, masculine fabrics softened with jacquard sweaters and stacks of gold chains. He also displayed his own version of the pants, sweater and long-sleeved coat combination, with an interesting mix of fabrics and prints.

Colors were toned down, with khaki, claret, duck green and purple. Black was prominent too, for evening as well, in a strong group

of leather clothes and as always, Ungaro had more prints than any body else. His big scarf, a perennial best seller, has now evolved into an immense shawl that can become a poncho with pom-pom-ed hood. Details here were also deluxe, including pearl chokers, black sequin skirts, black lace gloves (to go with see-through black lace blouses) and egret feathers.

It is another kind of success story at Jean-Louis Scherrer, whose ready-to-wear business, he says, is growing by 25 to 30 percent each season and who is also finally getting accolades from such powerful New York department stores as Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue, both of whom are planning special promotions.

Scherrer, who showed Thursday night in gold and gilded salons, zeroed in on bankers' and businessmen's wives—who want quietly chic and durable clothes. His is a pretty, well-mannered collection for pretty, well-mannered women.

No Luck With Old Masters

By Souren Melikian
International Herald Tribune

PARIS—If French auctioneers hoped that the sinking franc would boost prices at their more glamorous sales of Old Master paintings, they must have felt severely disappointed this week. There were no outbursts of enthusiasm on Tuesday when a small but good selection of paintings from French private collections came up at Drouot.

One painting at least should have sold brilliantly: a landscape in the classical manner developed around 1630-40 by Claude Gellée, known as Le Lorrain in France, or Claude Lorrain in the English-speaking world. A Roman temple on the left side is lit up by the last rays of the sunset, while a cluster of trees on the right is already swallowed up by darkness.

The low hills in the distance, suffused with a golden light, are much brighter than the foreground, as is so frequently the case with Claude's work. This may not be his most striking composition, but it is painted with the consummate skill that the master almost invariably displays.

The picture is a relatively recent discovery, which should have given it additional spice. It was first published in the *Burlington Magazine* in 1971 by the Italian scholar Marco Chiarini, and was later included by Marcel Rothlisberger in his *catalogue raisonné* of Claude Lorrain's oeuvre—a must, commercially speaking.

All that appears to have been disregarded by those who attended the sale. As the attractive landscape with an ideal size for museum display—about 96 by 135 centimeters (38 by 54 inches)—was held up by two Drouot porters, the auctioneer Jacques Tajan started calling out bids, looking right and then left, as if to follow his bidders' moves. Alas, it was painfully obvious that not a single bid was coming from the room. As the hammer fell, the Claude remained unsold.

For once, the fear that an export license would be denied by the French authorities cannot be used as an excuse. The French museums agency had indicated before the auction that it would allow the picture to leave France.

The lack of international interest in the painting is partly due to an unfortunate coincidence. Two or three other Claudes happen to be

available on the market—including one in a leading London gallery that is more attractive. That is enough to deter major world museums from the Paris Claude. As for French collectors, there aren't any, surprising as it may seem, nor have there been for 50 years. Investors, for their part, are prepared to buy a third-rate Impressionist work at twice that figure but not, it seems, a reasonably good classical piece of greater rarity.

It is significant in this respect that in the lower financial bracket,

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Old Master paintings likewise failed to command big prices. Among those that have a ready market in northern Europe and Britain, there was a very good view of a riverside harbor by the Flemish artist Theobald Michau (1676-1765). Michau's work is an interesting case of a deliberate return to the palette of the 1600s. The deep green foliage of leafy trees stands out against a receding landscape in shades of lighter blue with turquoise undertones. This gives the picture an easy, instant appeal. It should have made more than the 180,000 francs (about \$26,200) at which it was knocked down.

Only one of the three paintings with an international market fetched a high price. This is a Florentine work on panel titled "Christ Standing in Front of Pontius Pilate," which the Drouot experts attributed to Pesellino (1422-1457). It went up to 450,000 francs—a lot, considering the poorly painted faces of some of the characters.

Surprisingly, paintings by French masters that fall within the 15,000-to-70,000-franc bracket did not do better than those for which there is an international market. A good portrait of a nobleman ascribed to Robert Levrac-Tourniere (1667-1752), still retaining its fine period giltwood frame, was a giveaway at 16,000 francs.

A still life by Gabriel Grely (1712-1756) sold a little better, at 52,000 francs, but a still life of the 17th century, considered to be by René Nourissier (1610-1650), was expensive at 70,000 francs.

In contrast, the afternoon sale of furniture and decorative art also conducted by the Aden-Picard-Tajan group was a much greater success, at least as far as the 18th century is concerned. Here again many pieces came from private sources. A few could be called top-quality

but none would qualify as unforgettable masterpieces.

A set of four ornate wall sconces of the early 18th century, nicely chiseled but hardly unforgettable, went through the roof. The leading French dealers, who all sat in the front row or stood next to the auctioneer's podium, could not refrain from broad smiles as the set was knocked down at 260,000 francs. The buyer was a New York dealer believed to be acting on behalf of an active U.S. collector, who is currently despoiling her \$15-million house in Bel Air. Later there was an even greater extravagance when a pair of white marble vases with generous ornate fittings—practically catalogued as "18th-century," no real provenance—went up to 40,000 francs, paid by the same New York dealer, presumably for his Bel Air client. At half price, the vases would have been well sold.

The biggest surprise was a mahogany commode with neoclassical ornate fittings. Professional opinion was expressed: "disorderly" on the strange piece, with its highly unusual corner console carvings. The catalog calls it *Directoire*, implying that it is not later than 1798. Several dealers disagree. They say that sketches on which the fittings were based have just been discovered among some unpublished archives of Percier & Fontaine, the leading architectural designers under Napoleon I. Accordingly, they date the commode to circa 1805-1815 and believe it will eventually be traced back to some imperial commission. Another highly experienced dealer considers that, no matter what designers were used, the piece must have been executed in Florence, a largely franchised district of northern Italy. No doubt more will be heard about it when the New York dealer and his Bel Air client investigate their 700,000-franc acquisition.

All told, the fact remains that the furniture sale attracted international interest while the Old Master paintings failed to do so. In addition, the highly organized Paris trade stepped in throughout the fortnight auction making sure that a number of pieces reached the "high level" they wanted to have on record.

Once again Paris has demonstrated that it has difficulty in handling Old Masters, but is as good as anywhere for 18th-century furniture and objects d'art. The credit for this goes to the trade, which is far ahead of foreign competition.

The Intensity of Yves Klein

By Michael Gibson
International Herald Tribune

PARIS—It was so easy to misconstrue Yves Klein during his lifetime. Easy to consider him a manic opportunist and a clown of fashion. In fact, his life was a tragedy of childish innocence, insolent publicity seeking, heroic resourcefulness and absurd delusions.

The exhibition of his work at the Pompidou Center (to May 23, after having been at the Rice Museum in Houston, the MCA in Chicago and the Guggenheim in New York) makes this clear, not through the works, but through the excellent catalog and its remarkable biography by Thomas McEvilley.

Klein's acknowledged relevance today is perhaps best explained by the idea of the artist as a man living through a spiritual adventure that finds its resolution in death. His works are essentially traces of mystic rituals, and the thirst for mysticism, ritual and a spiritually significant life, at a time when none of these are easy to come by, no doubt explains why a man like Klein, with his intensity and power of persuasion, should have a deeper impact than the actual content of his ideas might warrant.

A friend once described him as "Tintin in search of the Holy Grail." The description is apt enough. Klein, whose mystic development was based on a murky Rosicrucian cosmogony explained to him and his friends Pascal Claude and Arman by an old astrologer who lived in Nice, was inclined to want his mystical anticipations to materialize immediately.

It was this tragic impatience that time and again made him overstep the bounds of reality—with absurd effect. In the late 1950s he solemnly wrote to President Dwight D. Eisenhower to inform him that he had deposed the government of France and launched the "blue revolution." A similar letter was sent to Nikita Khrushchev. Both, predictably, remained unanswered.

A year later Klein published a text that announced the coming of a new era in which he would devise a substitute for Keynesian economics, and humanity would evolve toward an age of levitation, telepathy and "immaterialization."

Klein gradually reached the point of no return in his identification with a myth. Some were willing to play the game with him, and it was, of course, one of those games of childish omnipotence where the border between make-believe and reality is always hazy.

Klein, according to McEvilley, actually believed, or made himself believe, in a lot of unlikely things, including his own power to levitate. The Italians and Germans and, in the United States, the West Coast, were willing to play along with him and even to believe it when he claimed to have leaped unharmed from the second story of a building (as illustrated in the famous photomontage).

Paris and New York, on the other hand, were not. A good num-

ber of people in Paris were gleefully waiting for him to fall on his face, and New York was no more. Mark Rothko wordlessly turned his back on his young admirer and most New York artists boycotted his show. At Leo Castelli's gallery, not a work was sold.

Klein, who was used to being the little boy everyone cherished and admired, took this very hard. When somebody jeered at him publicly and called him a failure, the artist, an authentic judo black belt, threw him to the floor and sent him to the hospital.

Klein's choice of blue as "his" color was dictated by his Rosicrucian beliefs, in which blue was the color of immaterial purity. His work with gold leaf and with fire was dictated by similar considerations. At one point he also did some works with blood, but these, he concluded, were potentially malefic and, after having signed them with a bloody fingerprint—to preserve his wife, whose body imprint in blood was on the paper, from supernatural harm—he burned them.

The Rosicrucians that Klein came to were members of a movement that took shape in the 19th century and brought together various occult sects with the idea of establishing universal peace and creating an international religion. Their doctrine, in the form known to Klein, contained mystical meditations borrowed from alchemy on the powers of the four elements. When Klein discovered the writings of Gaston Bachelard, which stressed various forms of reverie attached to the elements, Klein was convinced that the old sage was a crypto-Rosicrucian. He told him so when they met and Bachelard, who thought he was "quite mad," showed him to the door.

Klein became a well-publicized figure of the art world when he supervised the public execution of his paintings at the inauguration of a show by having nude women sponge themselves with blue paint and make imprints of their bodies on the canvas. On another occasion he showed "Le Vide" (The Void) in an empty gallery. His monochrome paintings, large canvases covered with a single hue of intense deep blue, aroused derision and admiration. Klein, with his keen sense of public relations, dubbed the color IKB or "International Klein Blue."

His obsession with immateriality led him to more conceptual projects, such as the sale of "areas of immaterial sensibility," in which the work itself was the experience of the transaction and the setting in which it took place. Thus, on a bridge by Notre Dame, one buyer handed over 16 gold ingots weighing 10 grams apiece and then burnt his receipt, whereupon Klein threw half of the ingots into the Seine.

Klein was animated by a "mad desire to be admired," and as time went on he became increasingly aware of the paradoxical risks of his behavior. Quite early he had declared to a friend that he would die at age 33, like Jesus Christ. When

he was 33 the conditions of his health were such that his prophecy was ready to be fulfilled. High nervous tension, a tendency to violent rages, quantities of cigarettes, sleepless nights and work in the noxious fumes of synthetic resins without any form of protection apparently made him the perfect target for a heart attack.

It was then that an Italian producer approached him with the idea of a film about his work. Klein felt that this was an excellent opportunity to consolidate his wobbly reputation as an artist. He reenacted the inauguration of his exhibition in Iris Clert's gallery, in which he directed musicians with white-gloved hands while women swabbed themselves with blue paint and thrust themselves against the canvas.

When the film was finished, Klein was invited to the first showing at the Cannes Film Festival. It was a shattering moment, for the film turned out to be "Mondo Kane," a heavily vulgar freak show, in which Klein himself appeared, pathetic and grotesque, as one of the freaks. One can imagine the awakening for a man who saw himself as a knight and prophet.

Masters of Drawing at the British Museum

By Max Wykes-Joyce
International Herald Tribune

LONDON—When, in or about the year 1400, the Florentine painter Cennino d'Andrea Cennini wrote "Il Libro dell'Arte," the first artist's handbook in the West, he advised how a young person of talent should go about becoming a painter.

He must first make drawings for a year in the studio of his chosen master. If the master was satisfied, the student would then pass six years in learning how to prepare colors, undercoat panels, gild and engrave; and then a further six years when he got down to the actual business of painting.

"But," admonished Cennini, "through those 12 years, whether it be a workday or a holiday, you must always be drawing, drawing, drawing; so that to be a good draftsman becomes your second nature." The importance of this advice, exemplified in masterworks from his time to ours, is seen in several shows now in London.

The earliest work in the exhibition of Italian drawings from the Luigi Collection at the British Museum is, indeed, contemporary with Cennini himself. Friis Lugt, art historian, collector and founder of the Institut Néerlandais in Paris, was best known for his expertise in Dutch and Flemish art, but his vast collection of drawings also included more than 500 Italian Old Master drawings.

The show includes 133 of the best of these, with groups by Fra Bartolomeo (1472-1517) and Andrea del Sarto (1486-1531) among Florentine artists; Federico Barocci of Urbino (c. 1535-1612), one of the most eminent of late 16th-century masters; and the Venetian father and son team Giambattista (1696-1770) and Giandomenico (1727-1804) Tiepolo, who were among Luigi's personal favorites.

"Italian Drawings From the Luigi Collection," Prints and Drawings Gallery, British Museum, Montague Place, W.C.1, to May 15.

The concurrent exhibition in the British Museum's Prints and Drawings gallery is of prints



Detail of untitled anthropométrie (1960) in Yves Klein show in Paris.

at questing for the Grail. When Klein returned to Paris he had a heart attack and died two weeks later. He was 34.

What remains of him, his work, does sometimes have a curious intensity and freshness. This is perceptible if one compares his familiar blue monochromes with his ear-

lier monochrome works (orange, green, red, yellow) which are practically devoid of interest. The blue has an intensity of color that saturates the eye. It is this intensity that can remind one of the comic-strip situation in which one of the characters declares: "I think he is trying to tell us something!"

Whatever that may be, it must lie beyond the flack and mannerism that made Klein notorious, and then shattered him. It cannot be "no more than a delusion," for the intensity is real, even though Klein's aspirations were nurtured on delusions. Perhaps, after all, his message is the intensity itself.

and drawings by Wenceslaus Hollar. Hollar (1607-1677) was born in Prague, married artistically, chiefly as a draftsman-engraver, in Germany; was taken into the ambassadorial service of the English Earl of Arundel in 1636; settled in London until 1644, marrying a lady-in-waiting to the Countess of Arundel; joined Arundel on the continent; returned to London, where he was appointed royal scenographer; was official draftsman to the British naval expedition to Tangier in 1669; died in London and was buried at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Particularly fine in this exhibition are 21 drawings, including Hollar's only known reclining nude, and topographical drawings of the Rhine and Danube by him on his ambassadorial journey with Arundel, loaned by the National Museum in Prague, where the exhibition will move later in the year.

"Prints and Drawings by Wenceslaus Hollar," Prints and Drawings Gallery, British Museum, to May 15.

On the opposite side of the British Museum, in the Special Exhibitions Gallery, is a show of master drawings from the Courtauld, Montagu to Cézanne, one of several celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Courtauld Institute of Art.

Among the 126 in the present show my favorites are two—"Two Heralds in Ceremonial Dress" by Sir Peter Lely (1618-1680), one of the series of chalk and charcoal drawings Lely made of a grand procession of the Order of the Garter; and the contrasting simple pencil and watercolor, "A Garden Shed," by Cézanne (1839-1906).

"Master Drawings From the Courtauld: Montagu to Cézanne," Special Exhibitions Gallery, British Museum, Great Russell Street, W.C.1, to April 24.

Drawings of 20th-century masters and young British contemporaries are represented in an Arts Council traveling exhibition, "Alive to It All." These are works at their most childlike,

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The study group examined such documents as the 1945 oil and gas lease between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, which included Mr. Reza, who was then a Saudi official and financial adviser. The study group also examined a letter from Mr. Reza to the U.S. State Department, dated 1945, in which he stated that he was a Saudi official and financial adviser. The study group also examined a letter from Mr. Reza to the U.S. State Department, dated 1945, in which he stated that he was a Saudi official and financial adviser.

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Interest rates on deposits and loans.

Country	Rate	Country	Rate
Argentina	10%	France	5%
Australia	10%	Germany	5%
Belgium	10%	Italy	5%
Canada	10%	Japan	5%
Denmark	10%	Switzerland	5%
France	5%	U.K.	5%
Germany	5%	U.S.	5%
Italy	5%		
Japan	5%		
Switzerland	5%		
U.K.	5%		
U.S.	5%		

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, N.Y.

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ECONOMIC SCENE

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Oil Price Choice: Break OPEC Or Work for Energy Stability

NEW YORK — Now that oil prices are coming down and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is struggling for its existence, what should be the policy of the United States and other Western countries? Do everything possible to break OPEC and drive oil prices down further, or work for improved cooperation between oil-exporting and oil-importing countries in the interest of greater stability of prices and energy supplies?

A new report of the Group of 30, a high-level body of international economic and monetary experts and government officials led by H. Johannes Witteveen, former managing director of the International Monetary Fund, recognizes that it is in the short-term interest of the importing countries that real oil prices continue to decline because this will reduce inflation, improve balances of payments and stimulate economic recovery.

But the report contends that this conflicts with "the long-term economic interest in effecting a smooth transition from the present energy regime, which still reflects the historic reliance on low-cost energy sources, to a future one likely to be based on higher costs." Instability in the interest of neither importers nor exporters. A steep, disorderly fall in oil prices and a drop in OPEC's capital surplus, the report says, may put "additional strains on an already troubled financial system."

The report says declining oil prices, if coupled with strong economic recovery in the industrial countries, could result in a dramatic increase in the demand for oil by the end of the decade. Another interruption of oil supplies would then produce another oil shock, repeating the cycle of the 1970s.

Structural changes in the oil market might exacerbate price instability. The Gulf nations will have a smaller share of world output but a bigger share of OPEC production. Because many of those countries have large populations and big oil reserves, they should be able to shift production to stabilize the market. But because they would have a smaller share of total world output, they would have to absorb much bigger swings in demand than in the past. If they were unwilling or unable to match supply and demand, the report asserts, market instability might increase.

The Group of 30 concludes: "This kind of volatile market behavior could mean disaster for the world economy and could raise the specter of energy shortages by the end of the century." To avoid this, it makes several recommendations, including:

• The industrial countries should improve their handling of oil stocks. When prices are low, these countries should add to stocks; when prices are high, they should release oil to the market. This sounds obvious but, for political reasons, these nations have tended to do the opposite.

• Oil importers should remove financial barriers to investment by oil exporters to give the exporters incentives to produce more when the demand for oil is high and thereby acquire foreign assets that will enable them to slow production when demand is weak.

• "Tactical collaboration" among importing and exporting nations should be encouraged.

The Group of 30 said an indication that such collaboration could be achieved was its own success in putting together a "study group." Meeting in turbulent times over the past three years, it apparently had some success in moderating the run-up in oil prices after the Iranian revolution and the outbreak of the Iraq-Iran war. Robert V. Roosa, a former U.S. undersecretary of the Treasury and member of the study group, indicated this week that he believed the group helped persuade OPEC to hold its market price to \$34 a barrel during a period when the spot price soared as high as \$44.

Correcting the Havoc

The study group included such dignitaries from OPEC countries as Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the oil minister of Saudi Arabia, and Sheikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, oil minister of Kuwait, as well as senior Arab monetary officials and financial heavyweights from importing nations. These included Mr. Roosa, who is a partner of Brown Brothers Harriman, and Richard Debs, president of Morgan Stanley.

But the issue facing industrial nations, now that they have OPEC over a barrel, is whether it would not be still wiser to refrain from such "cooperation" and let the market work — as OPEC ministers used to insist they were doing when prices were running up. Correcting the havoc wrought by the oil price explosion may require a markedly lower level of prices, which oil producers could scarcely be expected to negotiate, even "tactically."

There are, to be sure, advantages for the United States in building its oil stockpile faster. Shutting in some high-cost oil production, as in Alaska or the North Sea, is also a form of stockpiling.

But the market, even in its turbulence, could be a better guide to oil price policy than the best-laid plans of distinguished economists and financiers.

The New York Times

CURRENCY RATES

Interbank exchange rates for Mar. 18, excluding bank service charges.

	£	D.M.	F.F.	It.L.	G.S.R.	N.F.	S.F.	D.K.
sterling	2.495	2.908	11.117	38.315	0.8148	5.625	128.95	30.84
marks	47.126	70.5925	19.7085	47.577	1.277	17.25	—	—
francs	2.39	2.545	—	1.49	—	—	—	—
yen	103.55	—	3.9965	10.0	1.0	1.9535	20.825	22.845
lira	1.0335	2.1405	59.73	204.95	—	599.38	30.425	166.69
mark	—	1.4905	0.4716	1.147	0.0694	0.3767	0.4857	0.2157
Yank	4.924	10.245	29.825	—	0.020	16.25	—	35.40
U.S.	2.961	3.294	16.21	—	0.143	71.25	—	23.85
ric	—	—	—	2.5279	4.542	1.2504	2.9942	1.9462
U.S.	1.9402	2.7022	2.297	5.5382	1.5527	0.9174	21.293	2.9245

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Sterling, 1.082 Irish L.

(a) Commercial franc (b) Amounts needed to buy one pound (c) Units of 100 (d) Units of 1,000

INTEREST RATES

Eurocurrency Deposits Mar. 18

Term	Rate	Term	Rate	Term	Rate	Term	Rate	Term	Rate
1M	9 1/4	3M	9 1/4	6M	9 1/4	9M	9 1/4	1Y	9 1/4
2M	9 1/4	4M	9 1/4	7M	9 1/4	10M	9 1/4	13M	9 1/4
15M	9 1/4	18M	9 1/4	21M	9 1/4	24M	9 1/4	27M	9 1/4
30M	9 1/4	33M	9 1/4	36M	9 1/4	39M	9 1/4	42M	9 1/4
45M	9 1/4	48M	9 1/4	51M	9 1/4	54M	9 1/4	57M	9 1/4
60M	9 1/4	63M	9 1/4	66M	9 1/4	69M	9 1/4	72M	9 1/4
75M	9 1/4	78M	9 1/4	81M	9 1/4	84M	9 1/4	87M	9 1/4
90M	9 1/4	93M	9 1/4	96M	9 1/4	99M	9 1/4	102M	9 1/4
105M	9 1/4	108M	9 1/4	111M	9 1/4	114M	9 1/4	117M	9 1/4
120M	9 1/4	123M	9 1/4	126M	9 1/4	129M	9 1/4	132M	9 1/4
135M	9 1/4	138M	9 1/4	141M	9 1/4	144M	9 1/4	147M	9 1/4
150M	9 1/4	153M	9 1/4	156M	9 1/4	159M	9 1/4	162M	9 1/4
165M	9 1/4	168M	9 1/4	171M	9 1/4	174M	9 1/4	177M	9 1/4
180M	9 1/4	183M	9 1/4	186M	9 1/4	189M	9 1/4	192M	9 1/4
195M	9 1/4	198M	9 1/4	201M	9 1/4	204M	9 1/4	207M	9 1/4
210M	9 1/4	213M	9 1/4	216M	9 1/4	219M	9 1/4	222M	9 1/4
225M	9 1/4	228M	9 1/4	231M	9 1/4	234M	9 1/4	237M	9 1/4
240M	9 1/4	243M	9 1/4	246M	9 1/4	249M	9 1/4	252M	9 1/4
255M	9 1/4	258M	9 1/4	261M	9 1/4	264M	9 1/4	267M	9 1/4
270M	9 1/4	273M	9 1/4	276M	9 1/4	279M	9 1/4	282M	9 1/4
285M	9 1/4	288M	9 1/4	291M	9 1/4	294M	9 1/4	297M	9 1/4
300M	9 1/4	303M	9 1/4	306M	9 1/4	309M	9 1/4	312M	9 1/4
315M	9 1/4	318M	9 1/4	321M	9 1/4	324M	9 1/4	327M	9 1/4
330M	9 1/4	333M	9 1/4	336M	9 1/4	339M	9 1/4	342M	9 1/4
345M	9 1/4	348M	9 1/4	351M	9 1/4	354M	9 1/4	357M	9 1/4
360M	9 1/4	363M	9 1/4	366M	9 1/4	369M	9 1/4	372M	9 1/4
375M	9 1/4	378M	9 1/4	381M	9 1/4	384M	9 1/4	387M	9 1/4
390M	9 1/4	393M	9 1/4	396M	9 1/4	399M	9 1/4	402M	9 1/4
405M	9 1/4	408M	9 1/4	411M	9 1/4	414M	9 1/4	417M	9 1/4
420M	9 1/4	423M	9 1/4	426M	9 1/4	429M	9 1/4	432M	9 1/4
435M	9 1/4	438M	9 1/4	441M	9 1/4	444M	9 1/4	447M	9 1/4
450M	9 1/4	453M	9 1/4	456M	9 1/4	459M	9 1/4	462M	9 1/4
465M	9 1/4	468M	9 1/4	471M	9 1/4	474M	9 1/4	477M	9 1/4
480M	9 1/4	483M	9 1/4	486M	9 1/4	489M	9 1/4	492M	9 1/4
495M	9 1/4	498M	9 1/4	501M	9 1/4	504M	9 1/4	507M	9 1/4
510M	9 1/4	513M	9 1/4	516M	9 1/4	519M	9 1/4	522M	9 1/4
525M	9 1/4	528M	9 1/4	531M	9 1/4	534M	9 1/4	537M	9 1/4
540M	9 1/4	543M	9 1/4	546M	9 1/4	549M	9 1/4	552M	9 1/4
555M	9 1/4	558M	9 1/4	561M	9 1/4	564M	9 1/4	567M	9 1/4
570M	9 1/4	573M	9 1/4	576M	9 1/4	579M	9 1/4	582M	9 1/4
585M	9 1/4	588M	9 1/4	591M	9 1/4	594M	9 1/4	597M	9 1/4
600M	9 1/4	603M	9 1/4	606M	9 1/4	609M	9 1/4	612M	9 1/4
615M	9 1/4	618M	9 1/4	621M	9 1/4	624M	9 1/4	627M	9 1/4
630M	9 1/4	633M	9 1/4	636M	9 1/4	639M	9 1/4	642M	9 1/4
645M	9 1/4	648M	9 1/4	651M	9 1/4	654M	9 1/4	657M	9 1/4
660M	9 1/4	663M	9 1/4	666M	9 1/4	669M	9 1/4	672M	9 1/4
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705M	9 1/4	708M	9 1/4	711M	9 1/4	714M	9 1/4	717M	9 1/4
720M	9 1/4	723M	9 1/4	726M	9 1/4	729M	9 1/4	732M	9 1/4
735M	9 1/4	738M	9 1/4	741M	9 1/4	744M	9 1/4	747M	9 1/4
750M	9 1/4	753M	9 1/4	756M	9 1/4	759M	9 1/4	762M	9 1/4
765M	9 1/4	768M	9 1/4	771M	9 1/4	774M	9 1/4	777M	9 1/4
780M	9 1/4	783M	9 1/4	786M	9 1/4	789M	9 1/4	792M	9 1/4
795M	9 1/4	798M	9 1/4	801M	9 1/4	804M	9 1/4	807M	9 1/4
810M	9 1/4	813M	9 1/4	816M	9 1/4	819M	9 1/4	822M	9 1/4
825M	9 1/4	828M	9 1/4	831M	9 1/4	834M	9 1/4	837M	9 1/4
840M	9 1/4	843M	9 1/4	846M	9 1/4	849M	9 1/4	852M	9 1/4
855M	9 1/4	858M	9 1/4	861M	9 1/4	864M	9 1/4	867M	9 1/4
870M	9 1/4	873M	9 1/4	876M	9 1/4	879M	9 1/4	882M	9 1/4
885M	9 1/4	888M	9 1/4	891M	9 1/4	894M	9 1/4	897M	9 1/4
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915M	9 1/4	918M	9 1/4	921M	9 1/4	924M	9 1/4	927M	9 1/4
930M	9 1/4	933M	9 1/4	936M	9 1/4	939M	9 1/4	942M	9 1/4
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975M	9 1/4	978M	9 1/4	981M	9 1/4	984M	9 1/4	987M	9 1/4
990M	9 1/4	993M	9 1/4	996M	9 1/4	999M	9 1/4	1002M	9 1/4

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

1M=1 month, 3M=3 months, 6M=6 months, 9M=9 months, 1Y=1 year.

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Dow Jones Averages

30/Day	100/Day	100/Day	100/Day	100/Day
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14

Market Summary, Mar. 18

Volume	Value	High	Low	Close
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14

NYSE Index

High	Low	Close	Change
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14

Standard & Poors Index

High	Low	Close	Change
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14

AMEX Stock Index

High	Low	Close	Change
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14

AMEX Most Active

Symbol	Price	Change
117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14
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NASDAQ Index

High	Low	Close	Change
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117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
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NYSE Most Active

Symbol	Price	Change
117.14	117.14	117.14
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Dow Jones Bond Averages

High	Low	Close	Change
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117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
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Friday's NYSE Closing Prices

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street.

12 Month	High	Low	Stock Div.	Yld.	P/E	100s	High	Low	Close	Change
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
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12 Month	High	Low	Stock Div.	Yld.	P/E	100s	High	Low	Close	Change
117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14	117.14
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U.S.-China Talks On Textiles Halt

United Press International
BEIJING — U.S. and Chinese negotiators ended a fifth round of talks Friday without agreement in a bitter dispute over U.S. textile import quotas.

Neither side released details, but the chief U.S. negotiator reported some progress in the talks to resolve the most serious U.S.-Chinese trade conflict since the two countries resumed commercial relations in 1971.

"Progress was made but differences remain to be resolved," said Peter Murphy, leader of the U.S. negotiating team of industry advisers and government officials. "Both sides expressed interest in continuing the negotiations. The U.S. side is confident that at some point an agreement will be reached."

The Chinese did not comment immediately. The date of the next round, which is expected to be in Washington, was not announced.

The fifth round of talks began March 11 and ended in a marathon session that lasted into the early hours Friday.

Negotiators met daily in an attempt to break a deadlock over quotas imposed to protect the recession-wracked U.S. textile industry while giving China what it feels is a fair share of the U.S. market.

Diplomatic sources said both sides held firmly to their positions but tried to "sharpen and refine" figures in an attempt to compromise.

The Reagan administration has vowed to protect the U.S. textile industry by holding imports of Chinese textiles to an annual growth rate of 1 to 2 percent.

China wants a 6 percent rate, arguing that as a late-comer to the U.S. market it should be given special consideration.

China depends heavily on textile sales in foreign trade. Its U.S. textile exports represent about a third of China's total trade with the United States. Last year China sold about 700 million square yards of textiles, worth more than \$800 million, to the United States.

The talks began in August. The last round broke down Jan. 13, two days before a Reagan administration deadline for a new agreement.

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SPORTS

McKinney Clinches Ski Title For U.S. Sweep in World Cup

REUTERS Japan — Tamara McKinney won the overall championship of World Cup skiing Friday, becoming the first American to win the women's title. It completed a U.S. sweep as Phil Mahre had already won the men's title.

McKinney, 20, clinched the title even though she finished a distant 12th in the season's final giant slalom race behind Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein.

"I tried not to think about the title and I tried to cope with one race at a time so that I could ski my best," said McKinney, winner of six individual events in the World Cup this year.

Only three times since the World Cup was founded in 1967 have the men and women champions been compatriots. Karl Schranz and Gertraud Gabl won both titles for Austria in 1969, and Wenzel and her brother Andreas repeated the feat for Liechtenstein in 1980.

"This season has been long and very hard and I'll be very happy to take a vacation soon," McKinney said.

It was Wenzel's first World Cup victory since a slalom in Piancavallo, Italy, 15 months ago. It also ended any hopes Erika Hess still had of retaining the World Cup title.

"I'm delighted because it's my first win since December 1981," Wenzel said. "I have not won a race since then because it's very difficult to fight against the good young skiers." Wenzel was dogged by injury in the last two seasons.

"This victory wipes out too long a period of disappointments and reassures me in my decision to continue racing in 1984," the 26-year-old veteran said.

Hess needed to win both Friday's giant slalom and Saturday's slalom to threaten McKinney. But she managed only 10th place Friday on the difficult Furano course in northern Japan.

McKinney, who won the World Cup giant slalom title in 1981,

said: "I was nervous till the end because Erika can excel on big occasions. Fortunately it's all over now."

Wenzel clocked a combined two minutes 31.23 seconds to win Friday's race by a comfortable 1.95 seconds from Fabienne Serrat of France. Maria Walliser of Switzerland was a further 22-hundredths of a second back in third place.

Wenzel built up a big lead in the first leg and was bettered in the second run only by Maria Eppler of West Germany.

Hess should retain her World Cup slalom title but she was disappointed at giving up her overall crown.

"The weather has not been favorable for us this winter," she said. "It's a shame the season is ending like this."

Mahre, 25, tied up the men's overall title on March 7 when he won his first race of the season, a giant slalom in Aspen, Colorado. He won his second giant slalom the next day and had a chance of retaining his World Cup title in that discipline here Saturday.

But Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden, overall champion from 1976 to 1978, is chasing his seventh giant slalom crown and leads the series

with 100 points. Max Julien of Switzerland is second (95), Mahre is third (93) and Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland is fourth (90).

WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM
1. Hanni Wenzel, Liechtenstein, 2:31.23
2. Fabienne Serrat, France, 2:33.18
3. Maria Walliser, Switzerland, 2:33.47
4. Erika Hess, Switzerland, 2:33.71
5. Corinne Mahe, France, 2:35.89
6. Cindy Nelson, U.S., 2:35.99
7. Olga Charvatova, Czechoslovakia, 2:34.44
8. Maria Eppler, West Germany, 2:34.39
9. Parvaneh Pajouh, France, 2:34.84
10. Erika Hess, Switzerland, 2:34.87
11. Michelle Goss, West Germany, 2:34.93
12. Tamara McKinney, U.S., 2:36.49
13. Zee Haas, Switzerland, 2:36.54
14. Irene Epple, West Germany, 2:36.58
15. Anni Kreibitzner, Austria, 2:36.61

GIANT SLALOM STANDINGS
1. McKinney, 126 points
2. Nelson, 85
3. Mahe, 81
4. Hess, 77
5. Wenzel, 77
6. Serrat, 68
7. Epple, 45
8. Eppler, 45
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OVERALL STANDINGS
1. McKinney, 170 points
2. Wenzel, 130
3. Hess, 119
4. Schranz, 123
5. Walliser, 123
6. Epple, 115
7. Epple, 115
8. Charvatova, 110
9. Epple, 108
10. Dori De Agostini, Switzerland, 96



Tamara McKinney: World Cup champion.

Triangular Race to the Wire Paris Stage Set for High Quality Rugby

By Bob Donahue

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The suspense in Paris and Dublin this weekend has to do with more than who wins, although the two closing-day matches will determine first place in the Five Nations championship. The stage is set in Paris for a high quality of rugby.

But you never know. Will France and Wales bring it off? The French press offers hopeful forecasts of a rugby "apocalypse" at the Parc des Princes. Experienced last-minute scrummers of tickets say the feat is harder than usual.

A rugby crowd is a shrewd animal. It can howl and bay like fury, seeming to enjoy itself no end, and then disperse in something like indifference. The test of quality, former international referee Georges Demercq remarked recently, is whether the game brings a smile as you drive home.

The expert manner of the Welsh victory over previously unbeaten Ireland in Cardiff on the fourth of the annual five Saturdays, March 5, caused pleasure along with apprehension in France.

"So now it's just like the good old days again," exulted Jacques Fouroux, the 35-year-old French coach, referring to the joint Welsh-French supremacy of the middle and late '70s, when he was France's captain. "We'll have to play well to beat this Welsh team. We can."

France and Wales have both recovered that not-so-old look of world-beaters this season, although each has stumbled once — the young Welsh when they lost England in Cardiff on Feb. 3, and the French when they helped Ireland beat them in Dublin on Feb. 19.

The upshot, in terms of the final standings, is a triangular race to the wire for first place. Wales finishes alone on top if it beats France, or if it draws while Ireland and England draw or England wins. France finishes alone on top if it beats Wales while Ireland draws or loses. Ireland's best hope is a first-place tie with Wales or France.

England goes into the Dublin match with a new scrumhalf, Nick Youngs, and a captain, No. 8 John Scott, who has his reputation to restore after losing to Scotland at Twickenham. Still, after their first victory, the English know that several elderly Irish forwards are probably playing in their last championship match and mean to go out triumphant.

The prospect is for a do-or-die scramble, with goalkeepers Ollie Campbell, the Irish flyhalf, and Dusty Hare, England's fullback, determining the outcome.

Campbell aside, the Five Nations stars are in Paris — Welsh scrumhalf Terry Holmes and French fullback Serge Blanco, but also tighthead props Robert Paparemborde and Graham Price, and French No. 8 Jean-Luc Joliet. The French backs form the best attacking unit the championship has seen in years. Wales, led by No. 8 Eddie Butler, showed cool tactical flair and discipline against Ireland.

So low was public regard for revamped Wales (five rookies, a new captain, a new coach) after the draw with England that its emphatic comeback — a surprise defeat of Scotland in Edinburgh then the 23-9 demolition of Ireland in Cardiff — could seem to leave the Welsh with nothing to lose in Paris. The French, after throwing away their grand slam chances in Dublin, are under heavy pressure to win. That pressure equation could favor Wales.

Yet the Welsh are determined. The team was confined to its hotel instead of making the traditional Friday night trek to the Folies Bergere.

And the French have been brewing up an emotional appetit to help make the pressure digestible. Two key players, prop Paparemborde, 34, and center Christian Be-

lascain, 29, have announced that this is their last international match. (Captain Jean-Pierre Rives, who spoke of retirement earlier in the season, is now keeping his plans to himself.) It will also be the last match for popular veteran Roger Coudert, an emotional television sportscaster who will belie his public image if he doesn't try on the air.

A New Zealand referee, Tom Doocey, will be in charge.

Watching at home — rooting for Wales, but with an eye on Blanco — will be Vivian Jenkins, who in 1934, playing for Wales against Ireland, was the first fullback of the modern era to score a try in an international match in Europe. Until recently fullbacks weren't supposed to score tries.

Blanco — "a great player," Jenkins says — is 34 and in his first international season as fullback (he played previously on the wing), and he already has three tries as fullback. He will break the French record for the position with his next one.

Scrumhalf Holmes has scored eight tries for Wales since 1978, three of them against France.

Jenkins is now 71 and retired as chief rugby correspondent of The Sunday Times in London. An American recalls seeing him smiling to himself as he walked alone along Grange Road in Cambridge in 1977 after the touring United States national team beat Cambridge University. It wasn't because Jenkins is an Oxford man, he says. "It was a good game."

The Paris match will be seen in France at 3 P.M. French time, followed by the second half from Dublin; different relay arrangements have been made with the Benelux countries, Portugal, Tunisia, Morocco and the Ivory Coast. BBC Wales will carry the Paris match live starting at 2 o'clock British time, followed by highlights of the Dublin match. Viewers elsewhere in the British Isles will see highlights of the first half in Paris starting at 2:40, followed by the Dublin match live and highlights of the second half in Paris.

Early Upsets Recorded in Basketball Tournaments Notre Dame Out of NIT West Virginia Defeated

United Press International
ROSEMONT, Ill. — The Northwestern Wildcats, playing in their first postseason game, used a second-half rally to score a 71-57 upset over Notre Dame Thursday night in the opening round of college basketball's National Invitation Tournament.

Art Aaron scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half to help carry Northwestern to its first victory over Notre Dame since 1960,

snapping an eight-game losing streak to the Irish.

The Wildcats (17-12) also set a school record for most victories in a season.

Northwestern used a 13-2 scoring spurt to erase a 40-35 deficit with 14 minutes remaining and grab a 48-42 lead with 10:50 to go. Aaron hit three long-range shots during that drive.

Northwestern increased the lead to 14 points with four minutes to go and held off a Notre Dame comeback by converting free throws down the stretch.

Michael Jenkins and Jim Stack added 16 points each for Northwestern, which trailed at halftime, 32-28.

John Paxson led the Irish with 17, but was held to just 3 points in the second half and shot 6 of 18 in the game. Bill Varner added 16 for Notre Dame, which was making its third appearance in the NIT. Notre Dame finished at 19-10.

United Press International
GREENSBORO, North Carolina — Led by Charles Fisher's seven free throws in the final 49 seconds, James Madison upset West Virginia, 57-50, Thursday night in the first round of East Regional of the NCAA basketball tournament.

James Madison, whose coach, Lou Campanelli, defended his team's deliberate style Wednesday after the West Virginia coach, Gale Catlett, branded it stall-ball, was to face North Carolina on Saturday.

The Dukes led at the half, 23-20.

In the second half neither team could get more than a 5-point edge until Fisher, who led the Dukes with 13 points, began his string of free throws.

Fisher hit both ends of a 1-and-1 with 49 seconds to go to make it 51-46. He also sank a technical free throw with 30 seconds to go after West Virginia's Lester Rowe hung on the rim.

Fisher then hit another 1-and-1 to make it 54-46. West Virginia was led by Dale Blaney's 17 points but held to 6 points on 3-of-9 shooting.

West Virginia ended its season at 23-7 and James Madison improved to 20-10.

In the second game at Greensboro, Virginia Commonwealth went almost nine minutes in the second half without making a field goal but took full advantage at the final line to beat LaSalle, 76-67. Virginia Commonwealth was to play Georgia in the second round. LaSalle's Steve Black scored 31 points.

At Tampa, Florida, Steve Reid hit a 22-foot jumper with five seconds to play to lead Purdue to a 55-53 victory over Robert Morris in a Midwest Regional game. Reid's jumper rescued Purdue, which wasted a 13-point advantage. Robert Morris tied it, 53-53, with 3:27 to play on Tom Parks' follow-shot. Purdue was to meet Arkansas on Saturday.

In the second game, freshman Robert Tatum hit a 16-foot, off-balance jumper at the buzzer to give Ohio University a 51-49 victory over Illinois State. The victory sent the Bobcats (23-8) into the second round against Kentucky on Saturday.

At Houston, Len Bias' jumper from the top of the key climaxed a

Maryland rally and gave the Terrapins a 52-51 victory over Tennessee-Chattanooga in the Midwest Regional contest. Maryland trailed, 30-18, at halftime and by 9 points with 3:51 left but Adrian Branch pulled the Terps within 51-50 with 67 seconds left.

Branch scored 22 for the Terrapins (20-9) who were to meet Houston in the second round. The Mocs were led by Gerald Wilkins and Stanford Strickland with 11 points each.

In the second game, Lamont Robinson scored 20 points and Tom Sewell added 19 to help Lamar continue its NCAA tournament giant-killing tradition with a 73-50 upset of Alabama. Lamar, champions of the Southern Conference with a 33-7 record, has been in four NCAA tournaments and has won its first-round game every time. The Cardinals were looking for another upset Saturday against Villanova in the second round.

At Boise, Idaho, Craig Ehlo scored 18 points and Washington State dominated the boards for a 62-52 decision over Weber State in a West Regional opener. Ehlo scored 12 points in the second half to keep the Cougars ahead after Aaron Haskins scored 10 of his 13 points for a 32-24 halftime lead. Bryan Pollard scored 13 points for Washington State (23-6), which held a 41-23 rebounding edge and was to play Virginia on Saturday.

In the later game, freshman Manuel Hendrix hit back-to-back free throws and followed with a lay-up in the final two minutes to lead Utah to a 52-49 victory over Illinois. Hendrix and Peter Williams each scored 14 points for Utah, sending the Western Athletic Conference champions into Saturday's second round against UCLA.

FIVE NATIONS STANDINGS

	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA
1. Wales	2	0	0	55	37	37
2. France	2	0	1	44	52	32
3. Ireland	2	0	1	46	52	32
4. Scotland	1	0	2	34	54	54
5. England	0	1	2	46	54	54

SPORTS BRIEFS

NFL Raiders Press Damage Claim

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — An executive of the Los Angeles Raiders testified Thursday in the damages phase of the team's antitrust case against the National Football League that the Raiders lost millions of dollars in television and radio revenues during the time the team was prevented from moving from Oakland.

Al LaCasse, an assistant to Al Davis, the Raiders' managing general partner, told the jury of six women in U.S. District Court that although the Raiders had full-season radio and television contracts worth \$2,674,000 for 1980, 1981 and 1982, the team could have signed contracts worth as much as \$6.75 million for the same period, Susan Johnston, an attorney representing the league, called LaCasse's projections "astronomically high numbers."

The Raiders had attempted to move to Los Angeles in 1980 but did not move until last July, two months after this same jury decided that the league had violated antitrust laws by blocking the move. The Raiders' damage claim increased to \$23.25 million after Judge Harry Pregerson allowed the team to seek an additional \$3.25 million for expenses not included in the original claim.

Sprinter Floyd Enters NFL Draft

HOUSTON (UPI) — Stanley Floyd, a former NCAA sprint champion, has officially made himself available for the National Football League draft next month.

"I'm looking at this time in my life for new challenges," Floyd said. "I don't feel the challenge in track like I used to. I'm looking every day towards football."

Applying to enter the NFL draft eliminates any chance Floyd had of competing in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Floyd said he would like to play for the New Orleans Saints or the New England Patriots.

Juventus, Hamburg Kept Apart

ZURICH (Reuters) — Juventus of Italy and Hamburg of West Germany stayed on a collision course in European soccer when they were kept apart in the Champions Cup semifinal draw made here Friday.

Juventus, which beat Aston Villa in the last round, was paired with Widzew Lodz of Poland, and Hamburg was drawn against Real Sociedad of Spain. If the ties go according to form Juventus and Hamburg will meet in the final at Athens on May 25. The two-legged semifinals in all three European competitions will be played on April 6 and 20.

In the Cup Winners Cup, Real Madrid travels to meet Austria Vienna while Aberdeen of Scotland enters Waterschei of Belgium. In the UEFA Cup, Benfica of Portugal meets Universitatea Craiova of Romania in Lisbon, while Anderlecht of Belgium travels to play Bohemians of Czechoslovakia.

3 Share New Orleans Golf Lead

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Jay Haas, Mark Hayes and Curt Byrum all shot 4-under-par 68s Thursday to tie for the lead after the first round of the New Orleans Open golf tournament.

Seven golfers, including rookie Tai-Chung Chen, shot 3-under-par 69s to finish the round a stroke behind the leaders. Chen was tied with Bob Murphy, Jim Simons, Mark McNulty, Greg Powers, Doug Twell and Bill Rogers.

The winner of the tournament at the 7,080-yard, par-72 course at the Lakewood Country Club will receive \$72,000.

Hawks Obtain Smith on Waivers

ATLANTA (AP) — Randy Smith, the free-agent guard who was placed on waivers Tuesday by San Diego, was acquired Friday by the Atlanta Hawks, the National Basketball Association club announced.

Stan Kasten, the Hawks' general manager, said: "We had an understanding with San Diego and Randy. Our present contract with him is only for the rest of this season."

At San Diego, Smith had a record 906 consecutive game appearances. He was to join the Hawks in Cleveland for Friday night's game. San Diego was paid an undisclosed amount in the deal.

39 Entrants in Federation Cup

ZURICH (UPI) — A record 39 nations have entered the 1983 Federation Cup women's tennis tournament, organizers here announced. The finals are scheduled for July 17-24, with seven qualifying matches July 7-14 and the field to 32.

"This is the first time in history that we will have qualifying matches," said Paolo Angeli, executive director of the event and a member of the management committee of the International Tennis Federation.

The defending champion U.S. team has definitely entered. Martina Navratilova and Andrea Jaeger, leaving other places open to players such as Chris Evert Lloyd and Pam Shriver. The draw for the event, the women's equivalent of the men's Davis Cup, has been scheduled June 7.

WCT Tennis Surprise in Munich

MUNICH (UPI) — Mark Dickson, the unseeded American who defeated Ivan Lendl in the first round of this WCT tennis tournament, knocked out Kevin Curran on Friday, 7-6, 6-4, for a place in the semifinals. He joined Wojtek Fibak and Bill Scanlon in the last four.

NHL Standings

WALDES CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP
Philadelphia	45	19	3	93	67
NY Islanders	37	24	6	79	67
Washington	36	24	7	79	67
NY Rangers	31	31	5	67	67
New Jersey	14	43	10	38	67
Pittsburgh	14	43	10	38	67
Atlantic Division					
Boston	45	18	4	94	67
Montreal	37	24	6	79	67
Buffalo	36	24	7	79	67
Quebec	21	39	7	49	67
Hartford	17	49	0	34	67

NBA Standings

Minnesota	35	19	15	91	294	2
St. Louis	23	36	14	65	258	2
Orlando	23	35	12	58	259	2
Detroit	20	37	15	55	234	2
Smythe Division						
Edmonton	42	20	11	95	381	2
Calgary	29	33	30	68	293	2
Los Angeles	26	34	11	63	271	3
Vancouver	26	34	11	63	261	2
San Jose	27	37	8	62	266	3
Clashed division title						
Clashed playoff berth						
Thorpey's Results						

Transactions

FOOTBALL
MIAMI — Stated Durrell Harris, receiver to a three-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Added Guy Bonheur, linebacker, and Dwayne Jeff, wide receiver, to their roster.

UNITED STATES FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ARIZONA — Signed Hollie Holt, offensive back and Dwight Hennrich, nose tackle. Released Lee Wilson, defensive back and Todd Campbell, nose tackle.

HOCKEY
MONTREAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
WINNIPEG — Recalled Normand Dumont, left wing, from Sherbrooke of the American Hockey League.

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